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The British Navy Goes Into Action Again ITALIAN FORCES RAKED BY HEAVY GUNS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET

LONDON, SEPT. 19 (REUTER).—AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT AN INITIAL REPORT FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN, INDICATES THAT UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY CONTINUE TO HARRY THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE FROM LIBYA.

On the night of September 17, one of our naval units bombarded the coast road to Sollum at close range.

Simultaneously other units attacked enemy concentrations at Sidi el Barrani.

"CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS"

The C-in-C of the Mediterranean reports that both these bombardments appeared to have considerable success.

Ben Ghuzi was attacked by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm on September 16. During this attack one merchant ship was set on fire, one destroyed and probably sunk and several other ships damaged.

Yesterday the Italian communiqué admitted that "a torpedo boat and a pontoon have been sunk and a few fires started at Ben Ghuzi."

BALKANS UPHEAVAL

Hungarian "Reign of Terror" Alleged

BUCHAREST, Sept. 19 (UP).—The official Rumanian radio to-day alleged that Hungarians had started a "reign of terror" in many Transylvanian centres.

It was asserted that ten Rumanians had been massacred.

It is believed that there have been isolated killings in other parts of the country.

Concurrently with these operations off the Libyan coast, naval operations have been carried out in other areas. In the course of these operations, no enemy naval forces could be located.

Severe Check For Italians

Reports of the R.A.F. attack on Ben Ghuzi, the Italian seaplane base in Libya, indicate that reinforcements of men and supplies for Marshal Graziani's army may have received a severe check, says "Reuters" military correspondent.

This port has been used as an advance base and it is 350 miles east of Tripoli and is better situated to supply water and fuel.

As Marshal Graziani's lines of communication lengthen, his problems of supply grow formidable while his left flank on the sea coast is under the constant attention of the British Navy.

Naval units have already attacked and used their high velocity of fire at point-blank range with devastating effect.

Relying On Speed & Weight

The Italians are relying on their speed and weight to overcome opposition. They have not yet reached the real final defensive position nor have they been engaged by other than highly mobile British forces using guerrilla tactics in the desert.

From the Italian base of Ben Ghuzi to their forward advance troops is now about 300 miles as the crow flies.

If the R.A.F. continues to harass such a difficult line of communication in conjunction with naval attacks from the sea, the army's task in this huge combined operation will be greatly simplified.

Italian Admission

To-day an Italian High Command communiqué admits intense action by British naval forces and the R.A.F.

British naval units, says the communiqué, started a bombardment of Italian troops in the coastal zone between Bardia (Libya) and Sidi el Barrani (Egypt).

The communiqué claims that the Italian air force intervened and that a British cruiser was hit during the subsequent action.

The Italian High Command states that the British carried out aerial action in the Tobruk zone and against Bomba and Benghazi in Libya, causing damage and losses.

It also states that British aircraft attacked Rhodes and Leroc, where many fires were started by bombs.

"Everything Going Well" SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". CAIRO, Sept. 19 (UP).—"Everything is going well," thanks to God, declared Premier Hassan Sabry to his cabinet members to-day when he informed them that British naval units had bombarded Italian forces at Sidi Barrani.

General Killed In London Air Raid

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuters).—It is learned that Major General C. J. Bruce Hay and Mrs. Hay were killed at a bombed West End hotel.

Major General Hay was Inspector-General of the Iraq Army and head of the British Military Mission in Iraq from 1934 to 1937.

MEN OF THE A.I.F. IN EGYPT



Men of the Australian Imperial Forces are now about to go into active war service as a result of the Italian invasion of Egypt. Here we see some of the cheery lads, members of a motor cycle reconnaissance unit, posing on an old water wheel, used in the world's most primitive system of irrigation, "somewhere in the Middle East".

New Japanese Demands Officially Reported

INDO-CHINA SITUATION TAKES TURN FOR WORSE

Special to the "Telegraph"

THE SITUATION in French Indo-China has taken a sudden turn for the worse.

It is officially announced in Hanoi that the Japanese have presented new demands.

These demands, says an official French communiqué, are "incompatible with the instructions received from Vichy and the previous agreement."

Negotiations are continuing but, the communiqué adds, they have now reached a delicate phase.

"United Press" reported from Hanoi early this morning that the situation had become critical.

Mission Leaves

The Japanese Mission is departing from Hanoi, leading to the belief that the negotiations had been suspended.

Major General Nishihara, leader of the Mission, has paid a farewell call on Vice-Admiral Decoux, the Governor General.

Four hundred Japanese civilians have been ordered to evacuate Hanoi and will leave for Haiphong this morning by a special train. They will board three Japanese ships at Haiphong.

Four and a half tons of Japanese baggage left Hanoi for Haiphong last night.

Serious Situation Admitted

The seriousness of the situation was admitted in Vichy last night by M. Baudouin, the French Foreign Minister, who told American correspondents that France had been forced to be realistic because, although Washington had been kept fully informed of the situation, the United States had promised nothing more than a formal protest to Tokyo if Indo China were attacked.

"Japan is such a tremendous power in the Far East to-day that verbal protests would be insufficient," M. Baudouin said.

"Negotiation will undoubtedly preserve French sovereignty in Indo China, but Japan will get a preferential market there."

"It would be foolish for France, in her present position, to try and enforce a French monopoly of that market."

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Weather & Fear Of R.A.F. Stop Raiders

Special to the "Telegraph"

High winds, rain and scattered clouds offered unfavourable conditions for Nazi raiders yesterday, reveal "United Press" messages from London, and in consequence the London area had only one brief raid alarm up to 6 o'clock in the evening.

Dover reported at 5 o'clock that there was a high wind, choppy seas, and scattered high and low clouds. There had been some rain earlier in the day, and although an enemy raider was spotted, it was seen to dump its bombs in the sea before turning back to the French coast.

West End Damage

A tour of the West End of London has revealed the extensive damage sustained in recent raids.

The new areas damaged include the forecourt of the British Museum where a small bomb fell. There are three huge craters in the street near the Japanese Embassy, while a single heavy bomb made a big crater in the courtyard of the Wallace Collection in Manchester Square.

A high explosive bomb shattered three storeys of Peter Robinsons, the well-known departmental store in Oxford Circus, while the blast from a bomb in Regent Street damaged the roof of the Piccadilly Hotel. Another bomb knocked off the southeast turret of the Records Office.

It is also revealed that the headquarters of the London County Council Hall was damaged in a recent raid.

LATEST

JAPANESE ULTIMATUM REPORTED

The "Telegraph" learns from an authoritative source that Japan has presented an ultimatum to French Indo China.

It is stated that the ultimatum expires at midnight on Sunday.

There is reason to believe that Vice-Admiral Decoux, the Governor-General of Indo China, will reject the ultimatum.

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Further Late News

Dictators May Meet

Rome Discussions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ROME, Sept. 19 (UP).—Hitler and Mussolini may meet in the near future.

Political circles regard this as more than possible in view of the rapid progress made in the Axis discussions in Rome to-day.

Herr von Ribbentrop arrived by train at 12.55 p.m. to-day and was greeted at the station by Count Ciano, Herr von Mackensen the German Ambassador, Mr. Eiji Amai the Japanese Ambassador, Baron Federice Villani the Hungarian Minister and M. Suetesday Pomenov the Bulgarian Minister.

The Minister of Propaganda, Signor Alfieri accompanied Ribbentrop who reviewed an Italian guard of honour and a detachment of German Brown-shirts on the station platform.

Outside the station a crowd of 2,000 welcomed the German envoy.

Ribbentrop With Il Duce

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuters).—According to Rome Radio, Mussolini received Ribbentrop at the Palazzo Venezia this afternoon from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m.

Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, Herr von Mackensen, the German Ambassador in Rome, and Signor Dino Alfieri, the Italian Ambassador in Berlin, were present.

Japanese Cabinet Meets At Palace

TOKYO, Sept. 19 (Reuters).—Cabinet Ministers and Service Chiefs conferred for three hours at the Imperial Palace in the presence of the Emperor this afternoon.

A communiqué issued by the Secretary of the Cabinet says that "important affairs of state" were discussed.

The conference was attended by the Prime Minister, the War and Navy Ministers, the Foreign Minister, the Finance Minister, the Chiefs and Vice-Chiefs of the Army and Navy General Staffs and the President of the Cabinet Planning Board.

Brighter Business On Stock Exchange

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, business was brighter in the final stages after a quiet opening.

Gold-edged holdings improved on a better demand while gold minings were supported quietly. Industrials were narrowly irregular.

Wall Street was steady.

DONATION FOR PLANES

Istanbul, Sept. 19. The British Colony has started a fund to provide two fighter planes for the Royal Air Force. The fund reached £2,000 within a few hours.

Air Force Continues Its Splendid Work

Among official communiques announced yesterday was the following issued by the Air Ministry:

Bomber Command aircraft last night continued to disconcert the enemy's invasion plans by delivering sustained attacks with strong forces of bombers against the ports of Antwerp, Zeebrugge, Dunkirk, Ostend, Calais, Boulogne, Dieppe and Le Havre.

Much damage was done to shipping and military stores, and many fires were started.

Other forces of bombers attacked distribution centres at Isenbruck, Elong, Hamm, Manheim and Brussels.

Coastal Command aircraft attacked a convoy off Borkum. A direct hit was registered on an enemy destroyer.

Other Coastal Command aircraft attacked the port of Cherbourg, shipping off the Dutch coast and the aerodrome of DeKooy.

Seven of our aircraft are missing.

LONDON: No Large-Scale Raids

No large scale action has been reported during the day.

Two enemy aircraft dropped bombs in districts in East London, causing some damage and casualties.

Both were engaged by our fighters and one was shot down.

Bombs are also reported from coastal towns in Essex and Sussex and at one point in west England.

The number of casualties was small. Despite bad visibility our fighters successfully intercepted a large party.

Treatment Of Aliens

Commons Statement

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuters).

—Before going into secret session to-day, the House of Commons had the customary hour of questions and answers.

Sir John Anderson, as the most questioned Minister, agreed that a liberal policy of exemption from the Aliens Act restrictions should be followed in respect to citizens of the United States.

He added that steps had been taken to this end.

Questioned regarding internees, Sir John indicated that the Government's policy was not to intern Italians with 20 years' residence in Britain provided that nothing unfavourable was known.

Germans And Austrians

Regarding Germans and Austrians, the Home Secretary declared that it was in many cases more difficult to feel confidence in those with long residence than those who had come more recently as refugees.

The general policy of releasing those with long residence against whom nothing was known could not be justified although there were individual cases in which long residence could be properly treated as a factor to be taken into account when application was made for release.

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BY BASIL CARDEW

Special Air Reporter

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR HUGH CASWALL TREMENHEERE DOWDING, beribboned, waste-no-time chief of the Fighter Command, is now No. 1 keyman in the Royal Air Force.

Dowding, fifty-eight, spare, exacting, works it out that his fighters help to shoot down thirteen enemy aircraft every twenty-four hours, and wing a further seven.

Now Dowding — "Stuffy" throughout the R.A.F. — counts on two main assets for these successes which may alter the whole tempo of the war — and they are known as two big M's — metal and mentality.

In seeking to reason why our machines stand the pace and outfight the Nazis in almost every battle, let us deal with metal first.

THE German Air Force use machines with a life of fifty flying hours. That is as long as they are made to last, and the Germans say it is sound economy to send them back then to the melting-pot.

Actually, the planes have to go back because of metal fatigue. Through using weaker materials, the Germans find their planes get "tired" far sooner than the British.

It is quick, though, this melting-pot process. In remarkably short time their planes are stripped of the engines, dismantled and thrown into the melting cauldron to be shaped again for another day.

The weakness is that an air force built on these principles is always half in the melting-pot, compared with a third of an air force which is usually considered to be grounded for repairs or reconditioning.

And another trouble is that even, if an enemy warplane doesn't meet a British fighter or a well-sighted A.A. gun, it cannot be used for more than half a dozen battering trips over Britain.

This is the price the Germans pay for mass-produced, stamped-out warplanes, made as if in a sausage factory.

NOW how does the fighter air chief marshal (Sir Hugh) line it up, with our own metals?

A British warplane is built for a fighting life of approximately 250 hours. Then it is turned over for training purposes for a further 250 hours.

But it also has a three-hour ground inspection after sixty flying hours, a half-day overhaul at the end of 120 hours, and when it has been in the air for 220 hours the ground staff give it a whole-day once-over, which is a thorough business.

This seems to be sounder economy in the long run.

Because a British warplane is a handmade job, built with the world's best metals, it can do this long service with 100 per cent. of safety.

GOERING'S aircraft are in no way handmade. His planes are good on paper. Even when the first were made they were good. Four hundred miles an hour for the fighters and more than 300 for the bombers. Everything right, nothing to fear.

But unfortunately for the Nazi pilots, these planes were only the prototypes. They were the first show models.

Now they are in mass production. Performance is nothing like the same, nor safety. The planes coming from the sausage machines often fall or shake apart when throttle is opened. Others flutter from wing tip to wing tip like the eyelids of a Victorian swooner.

Anyway, they give the German pilots a pretty rough time, and combats become a losing hazard.

Sir Hugh Dowding, who flies his own plane, ranks this M for metal high indeed, and it has a lot to do with the other M — mentality of his boys who do the fighting. The boys say: "It's half the fight to have a good plane. Makes you feel you've won before it's begun."

DOWDING is proud of the way the R.A.F. mentally equip his crews who fly the planes. A first-class British pilot costs the country about £10,000. That includes his training and pay. Sounds rather high, but the cost of training a first-class pilot is averaged out with three other boys in the

L.D.V.s Want To Know—

DO WE SALUTE?

WHAT are the ranks of L.D.V. officers and N.C.O.s and how will they be recognised? What is the lowest rank that will be paid the compliments given to a Regular Army officer?

ANSWER: L.D.V. ranks consist of commanders of battalions, companies, platoons, groups, and sections, with their deputies. They will have "bars" on their shoulder, and possibly distinctive badges when these are issued. There is no ruling about salutes, etc. It is left to organisations to make their own rules.

WHY have no grants yet been made to the L.D.V.s? Does the Government realise that men who, after their day's work, are giving hard-earned leisure willingly to the nation's defence are paying for it out of their own pockets?

ANSWER: Yes, the Government does. The point is the Home Guard consists of volunteers of whom it is expected that they will be willing to pay their own out-of-pocket expenses for a cup of tea in the middle of the night or a snack if they need it.

Men who have to use their cars are getting a mileage allowance according to h.p.—3d. a mile for over 10 h.p.—and extra petrol coupons.

But the question of a grant to the L.D.V.s for general purposes is being looked into.

learning stages. Between them they may write-off two trainer aircraft, it may be more.

On the same principle it costs £5,000 to produce a good air gunner, radio operator or navigator. So a bomber, costing £30,000, with two pilots and three other crew, means a capital outlay of £65,000. When the bomber costs only £20,000, as many do, the whole is valued at £35,000.

Fighters are cheaper. The pilot still costs £10,000, but he is alone in the cockpit, and with the price of the plane about £7,500 the total is £17,500.

STAKING all on numbers, the Nazis don't attempt to train their men so carefully. Cheap machines and quickly versed air crews, please, they say.

That is why the German air crews captured in the last few weeks average only twenty years of age. Compare them with the R.A.F. boys who feature in the news. Ninety per cent. of them joined the service long before the war. Boys I know called from the reserve last September—good boys, too—are still waiting for an action.

Painstaking, and a little slow, perhaps, but as Dowding knows so well—when his planes do go into fight his men have got those two big M's and half the battle won.

With them Britain needs no equality in numbers to be equal to or even superior to Marshal Goering's air force.

WHERE FRENCH GENERALS FAILED

INFORMATION from French sources confirms the impression that whereas the Germans have greatly developed the art of war, and in particular have thought out replies to their own tactics of defence in depth, the French had stood still or actually deteriorated in tactics since 1918.

Attack, defence, use of artillery, reconnaissance—in every field, according to these French criticisms, was to be found a lack of imagination, initiative, and even energy, which a certain inferiority in equipment appeared to justify only in a minor degree.

This information is of particular interest as it deals with sectors in which the Germans did not employ tanks, most of what has been published having been on the subject of tank tactics.

As might be expected, the Germans prepared their attacks by careful air and ground observation; where they brought novelty to this task was in the boldness of their listening posts, who sometimes connected telephone cable to that of the French, and of their reconnoitring patrols who studied possible channels for future infiltration and learned the dispositions and habits of the defence.

Infiltration began the night before the attack, patrols of three men with a light machine-gun passing between the French posts by the passages previously reconnoitred.

At dawn the artillery opened an intense bombardment lasting several hours, during which the elements of infiltration penetrated still further, and the French telephone system, both internal and from front to rear, was cut.

The fire of the light machine-guns which took the French posts in flank and even in rear gave the garrisons the impression that neighbouring units had been driven back and that they themselves were surrounded. If they then fell back, the elements of infiltration followed and harassed them.

If, on the other hand, they continued to hold their ground, an attack in force was launched. On a given signal the artillery lengthened range and the assault troops advanced in dense formations without even troubling to make use of ground, while the elements of infiltration endeavoured to make the defenders keep their heads down.

The attackers, following their principle of 1918, flowed through the gaps, but halted in front of points of resistance.

In these circumstances the French garrisons of the strong points often retired to avoid being surrounded. Those which continued to resist were reduced at nightfall by mortar fire, generally incendiary if the centre of resistance were a village. It was found that in practice these centres of resistance had little effect in holding up the forward flow of the attack through the gaps. To some French officers it appeared that they had been betrayed by the dogma of defence in depth and that a continuous line, however weakly held, would have served them better. "From the point of view of morale," it is stated, "soldiers inevitably fight better when they know that there are no gaps on their right or left."

But the same observer has just been telling us how admirably the Germans fought

when there were gaps, huge gaps, on either flank.

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This argument, indeed, falls to the ground when we are further informed that a continuous line would serve only against infantry attack and that against tanks dispositions should always be in depth.

How is the defence to know that tanks have not been brought up during the night? No, whatever system be adopted, it must serve equally well against either tanks or infantry. It seems, indeed, that the French did not fully comprehend the German tactics which they strove to imitate.

Though their defence is zonal, not linear, the Germans have always recognized that there must be a line somewhere to check infiltration, to protect the artillery, to serve as a rallying position, to act as the objective of counter-attack, and if possible to provide an anti-tank barrier. This line was found in 1917 and 1918 in the Hindenburg Line or its equivalent; it was represented in 1939-40 in the "main fighting line" of the West Wall.

In the latter case it consisted of concrete anti-tank obstacles, iron chevaux de frise of which some sections clung to the tank and were carried along with it, and of a tank ditch. In open warfare a line of this sort would have to be improvised and would not be nearly so strong, but it would always exist.

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Everything in front of that main fighting line formed the outpost zone. This also was protected, but only by the barbed-wire fence so familiar in the last War.

Hostile infiltration into this zone did not amount to anything very serious, but even that could be checked by the active patrolling of the outpost battalion.

It is an admission of weakness and lack of initiative if it be taken for granted that hostile patrols of three men are at liberty to prowl about the outpost zone as though they owned it while the garrison sits in its strong points, which in such a scheme of defence belie their name.

Were such tactics to be practised against Australian troops holding a similar sector they would be pleased by the heaven-sent opportunity to collect prisoners without trouble.

The reasons for the German success in the instances recorded are to be found not only in their own boldness and skill but also in the inertia of the French, which is summed up in the sentence: "The French defence was purely static and passive."

We also learn that neither in platoons, battalions, nor regiments were resources available for counter-attack when the enemy had succeeded in penetrating the defensive position.

The reason is doubtless to be found in the widely extended fronts held by French regiments, in the Battle of France, but it is fatal not to retain some reserve, however weak the effective. It is also reported that the French either had no flares or did not use them.

The Germans, as always, employed them profusely. In broad daylight the elements of infiltration signalled their progress with white flares and by night whole German front recalled a display of fireworks.

It is stated that in the counter-offensive the French made no attempt to carry out infiltration either before or during the assault. Their conception of an infantry attack, when no tanks were available, was a simultaneous and continuous advance on the whole front by all the attacking forces.

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- 2—Dove
- 3—Old woman
- 4—Horseman
- 5—Turkish prince
- 6—Roman
- 7—Man's name
- 8—South American
- 9—Supper
- 10—Arms under one's protection
- 11—Middle of March
- 12—Pupil
- 13—Dance
- 14—Ass (French)
- 15—Edge of cup
- 16—Said this
- 17—Roman poet
- 18—Napoleon's brother
- 19—Allowance for
- 20—Buried
- 21—Communication of truth
- 22—Card game
- 23—Chosen
- 24—Herald
- 25—Expositors
- 26—Ornament marks
- 27—Pure (Latin)
- 28—Historical age
- 29—Earth (Latin)

DOWN

- 1—Excellent one (slang)
- 2—Exceptional strike (slang)
- 3—Large river
- 4—Draw out
- 5—Latin ruler
- 6—Article
- 7—Island roadway
- 8—Ancient ruler
- 9—Spanish ball game
- 10—Person deceased
- 11—Raffish
- 12—Burst sound
- 13—Indignant
- 14—Vaccine
- 15—Maiden
- 16—Cavity in head
- 17—End of day
- 18—Kind of dairy
- 19—Dip
- 20—Fruit of harvest
- 21—Rescue
- 22—Fruit
- 23—Sea eagle
- 24—Deputy
- 25—Denoting purpose
- 26—Refers
- 27—Performing mammal
- 28—Grain
- 29—Horse again
- 30—Play about eyes
- 31—Dance
- 32—Sweet liquid
- 33—Walking stick
- 34—Large plant
- 35—Sodium chloride
- 36—Join by thread

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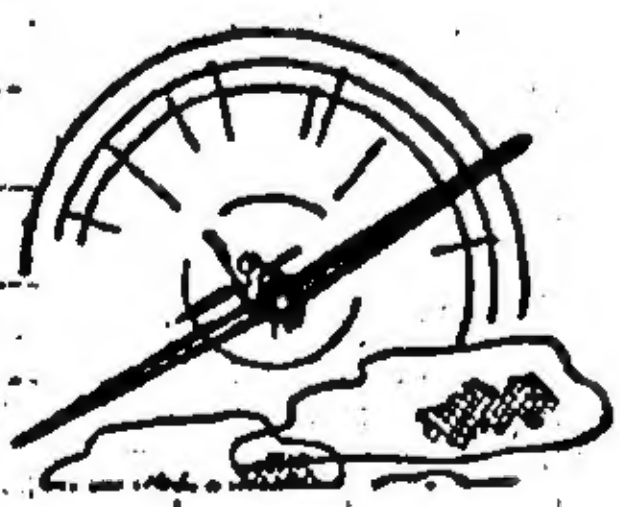
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Mr. Winston Churchill

Mr. Churchill has lived an adventurous life as war correspondent, soldier, student of military history, experienced parliamentarian, Cabinet minister, and man of letters. He belongs to a fairly old family. His great ancestor, John Churchill, was one of England's most famous soldiers in the time of the late Stuarts, and he himself is now undoubtedly the man of the hour, with a mighty responsibility resting on his shoulders. A few years ago he wrote a book under the title of "Great Commanders," in which he sketched the careers and characters of some twenty-one outstanding men who have been familiar figures in the public life of Europe, and all this appraisal of his contemporaries, illuminating as it is, brings to light with even greater brilliance the character of Mr. Churchill himself. That Mr. Churchill has a natural genius for friendship and a spontaneous readiness to acknowledge what he owes to his friends is clearly seen in these sketches, and there is perhaps no better way of bringing out this feature of his character than by quoting a few extracts from his comments upon the persons whose portraits he has drawn.

In his view, Bernard Shaw is "saint, sage, and clown," and "the greatest living master of letters in the English-speaking world." He is of opinion that Joseph Chamberlain "revived in the Tory party the inspiration of Disraeli, and made the world-spread peoples of the British Empire realize that they were one, and that their future lay in acting on this knowledge." Of Sir John French he says that "the advance of the British Army across the Marne under French's orders decided the immense battle which saved Paris." He pronounces this to be "one of the greatest military events in all history," and says that Sir John is entitled to his share of the glory. John Morley was one of his older contemporaries, "the representative of great doctrine, an actor in historic controversies, a master of English prose, a statesman-author, a repository of vast knowledge in almost every subject of practical interest." Of Asquith's opinion he says that, in the prime of his life "they were cut in bronze, and vast knowledge, faithful industry, deep thought were embodied in his nature." Lawrence of Arabia had "a full measure of the versatility of genius. He was a savant as well as a soldier, an archaeologist as well as a man of action, an accomplished scholar as well as an Arab partisan, a mechanic as well as a philosopher. He greatly admired Earl Birkenhead as "a sincere patriot, a wise, grave, sober-minded, statesman, a truly great jurist, a scholar of high attainments, and a gay, brilliant, loyal, lovable being."

He has something to say about several foreigners, including Foch, Clemenceau, Alphonse, and Trotsky. Of the first mentioned he says this: "The valour of his spirit and the shrewd sagacity of his judgment were of the highest order. Fortune lighted his crest." Of the last mentioned he remarks that he was "ambitious and ambitious in quite a common way. All the colonialism in the world could not rid him of an egotism which amounted to a disease."

Coming back to his own people, Mr. Churchill treats of Earl Haig, Arthur Balfour, Curzon, and Snowden in a sympathetic and pleasant manner. Haig's "character and con-

THE DUKE OF

HIS Majesty the King has been pleased to appoint His Royal Highness, the Duke of Windsor, to be Governor and Commander in Chief of the Bahama Islands," reads the official announcement.

This appointment to one of the lesser governorships under patronage of the Crown involves no loss of prestige for the former King of England, for this seemingly insignificant post has become one of the most important in the Empire, in the shadow of present-day British events and eventualities.

This is specifically true in the case of the Duke of Windsor who, for a generation at least, has been Britain's Number One liaison figure. As the Prince of Wales during the First World War and after, Edward won the popular affection of many Americans. The Duke of Windsor is a "good mixer," perhaps the best that England ever had and the friendliness of the United States must be kept in a fluid and fluent condition.

Furthermore, the appointment of the Duke of Windsor as a Colonial Governor, marks beginning of a \$280,000,000 British colonial development and welfare programme, decided upon just before the outbreak of the present war.

The arrival of the Duke and Duchess in Nassau will be the first visit in the Western Hemisphere since the King abdicated.

The reciprocal feeling between America and England is furthered by the near proximity of the Bahamas. It is just a ferry trip overnight. Twice a day a plane flies between Miami and Nassau, making the trip in a couple of hours.

The Duke of Windsor will govern an enormous area, for the Bahamas comprise 3,000 islands, islets and cays, stretching out for some 700 miles along the Florida shore. Spanish owners by discovery made no use of the islands.

Ponce de Leon began the romantic tradition of the Bahamas that the Windsors are continuing, by twice traversing them in search of the Fountain of Youth, just after his discovery of Florida. Some 170 years elapsed before a settlement was made by Europeans.

Another Englishman, Captain Sayles, in 1667, sought shelter in a beautiful harbour of one of the larger islands. He called the island, Providence, for it

afforded him shelter in his hour of need. In time, this became the harbour of Nassau, the present capital of the archipelago and the seat of the Royal Governor.

The name of the island was later changed to New Providence, to distinguish it from the New England Colony city. Spain resented this invasion of territory that she had not thought worth occupying. She

descended on New Providence and slew every inhabitant.

During the following 50 years, the Bahamas served only as a hideout for pirates and buccaners. They began by assaulting the Spanish galleons loaded with gold and silver pilched from the American aborigines.

The treasure ships came directly from the Spanish Main and Panama, and, like modern shipping, had to pass somewhere among the hundreds of Bahama Islands.

While the Bahamas have not known actual warfare, they have more than once benefited by the incidents of strife. American Loyalists fled from the Southern Colonies when the Declaration of Independence was made. They brought with them their retinues of slaves and together may be said to represent the ancestry of a considerable

proportion of the inhabitants, thus making Americans cousins in a left-handed sort of way.

From the sea, the low island of Nassau, whose surface never rises much over a hundred feet, looks like a green strip of seaweed floating in a deep blue sea, outlined by a lacy collar of foam where an angry surf is always breaking.

The undergrowth along shore seems a trifle scrubby, after other tropical seascapes, probably owing to the thin coat of soil covering the windswept backbone of the island.

There will be nothing to remind the new Governor of the hills rising high above the Riviera and the stony coasts of Spain and Portugal where they have sojourned so long. Wild pines, century plants, dusty flame trees with brown pods hanging almost within reach, and dwarf green bay trees border the roadway on the drive into the town.

Glimcrack villas of black natives with tanks on the roofs to

catch the precious rainwater, will be decorated with bunting to welcome the Duke and Duchess.

The old forts just outside the city of Nassau will feebly remind him of the outworks of the Empire. They enter Nassau via a meandering street, past quaint four-square houses of white all with elaborate green shutters and copes of Bougainvillea and hedges of hibiscus. At Bay Street, they find the majority of the 70,000 population of their entire domain waiting for them. There are 25 black people to one white person.

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From Tyler

This main thoroughfare leads straight through the Capital city. It is captivating, at least to those who like tinted engravings of a village street "way down East," for example.

There are rambling stores with antiquated show-windows piled with curious assortments of all they carry, with antique clerks—when they are not coloured—wearing choker collars, showing their Adam's apple, some with mutton chop whiskers.

Boney nags hitched to carriages, bulgias and buckboards with an assortment of Ponds of various vintages stand along the sidewalks. Negroes lounge at every corner. And there are many shops that are strictly the outgrowth of tourist traffic. True, at either end of this somewhat colonial setting, they might have seen from the sea two great hotels, one ancient of days, the other the last word in swank.

The procession moves on up George Street—named after one of Edward's illustrious ancestors—to the top of Mount Fitzwilliam, where stands Government House. Surrounded by its 18-acre park, it is a striking edifice.

Here again, is the ubiquitous touch of America, in the form of a statue modelled according to instructions from Washington Irving. A buccaner wearing a slouch hat at a rakish

angle and a toga. It is labelled, "Christopher Columbus."

Doubtless the presence of a royal couple at Government House in Nassau will add to the attractions of that winter resort. It will certainly be a boon to tourist traffic.

It may bring many noted visitors and bind new ties that may add to the prestige of Britain. It may turn an unfavourable trade balance into an asset for the first time in decades. But what will all this mean to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor?

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LONDON'S HOUSEWIVES LEARN TO 'MIX' WAR WORK IS ENDING WOMEN'S LONELINESS

NATIONAL service has accidentally brought about a revolution in London that all the campaigning imaginable could not have achieved in peace. It has banished the loneliness of women in suburban homes.

This loneliness gave rise to the state of mind that was nicknamed "suburban neurosis."

Dr. Stephen Taylor wrote of it, after four years' research: "The Englishman's home is still his castle, but for the English woman too often it is her jail."

That was in 1938. Now, the revolution has occurred and Londoners are no longer Britain's most reserved community.

"Women are finding common interests in the common danger," said Mrs. Glenville Benn, public relations officer to the Women's Voluntary Services.

"We have about 140,000 volunteers for our Housewives' service in London, who meet for training and soon get to know one another."

The black and yellow card of the service, propped in front windows of every street, is the passport to good-neighbourliness and new friendships.

Soon Friends

The Housewives' Service, tried out in 1938, was put into large-scale operation by the WVS to assist A.R.P. work.

Volunteers remain in their homes during raids to provide hot drinks and hot water in case of need, shelter for children caught away from home, and the care of invalid and elderly people.

Trained members are drafted to A.R.P. work, others help in national savings, salvage, and rest and feeding centres.

Besides that, the Housewives' Service is bringing women together, broadening their outlook, and helping them to form new friendships.

"You can see the change as soon as they join us," said Mrs. McCall, an organiser in Stoke Newington. "They are quiet and shy when they arrive, but soon make friends."

At WVS headquarters in Westminster they find the loneliness of office girls is disappearing, and at night typists and secretaries come in to ask for a job because "it is better than going back to 'digging'."

It is the same with the city-worker suburban-sleeping husband. A journalist living in Fernhurst-gardens, Edgware, declares that Hitler has given him twenty new friends.

"For five years I lived in my suburban street without knowing any one else in it other than my wife," said this man. "All at once I find that I have neighbours, a very decent lot, at all."

"Why All This?"

An A.R.P. warden's suggestion that the street should form a Neighbours' Squad and practice fire-fighting, with air-raid pumps, turned this Edgware householder among his neighbours.

Even the doubters who had been "too busy" forgot their excuses and joined in when they saw half the street rehearsing sudden alarms.

This wave of friendliness sweeping the suburbs means much more to women than men. They have a dozen or so neighbours to call on and talk or knit with.

So it goes on. In a Beckenham road they have made a communal road shelter stretching over a couple of back gardens.

In Barnes—a suburb where "they don't mix"—neighbours share a stirrup pump and chat amiably after twenty years of frigid reserve.

Why all this? Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., puts it down to the "herd instinct."

"It is one of the strongest instincts in all of us," she said. "When danger threatens the herd gets together. It has a biological foundation. Barriers go down and every one becomes more ready."

"A curious custom of reserve has grown up around us, but it is artificial and can be broken down quickly."

Slavage Held Up Restrictions Merchants Protest

Lack of co-operation between Government departments is said to be robbing the national salvage campaign of much of its value. Scrap metal and rag merchants in London and the North of England, exasperated at waste going to waste, are protesting that they cannot continue to buy the materials collected unless existing restrictions on disposing of them are removed.

At the last meeting of their representatives with the Controller of Salvage, Mr. H. G. Judd, they submitted three specific proposals which, they said, Government departments declined to entertain, and asked for his backing.

They urged that white flock made from rags should be used for Army mattresses instead of coal, which has to be imported.

Course woollen rags are now imported from America for blanket-making. Finer grade rags from our salvage stocks might be mixed with the imported material.

Most of the rags now collected by the national effort have to be got rid of in the making of cheap roofing-felt. This felt is becoming a glut on the market, because Government departments will not use it.

Army Aquatic Championships

SMALL UNITS GAIN TOP AGGREGATE POINTS Championship Depends On Water-Polo Final

(By "Tinker")

HIGHEST AGGREGATE points in the Hongkong (Army) Area Swimming Championships at the Victoria Barracks pool yesterday were taken by Small Units, who after the series of fine swimming events that comprised the programme, ended the day with a total of 52 points—two ahead of the 5th. A. A. Regt. R.A., the Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regt.

But the destination of the Aggregate Challenge Cup will be decided on the Large Units water-polo tournament—Signals (Small Units) have yet to meet the 8th Heavy Regt. R.A., and the winners to meet the Middlesex in the final.

The new pool and its surroundings looked beautiful yesterday in the brilliant sunshine, and though event, like swimming, were somewhat drawn out and monotonous, the efficiency with which the whole war run avoided any unnecessary delay and spectators spent an enjoyable afternoon.

SCOTS UNFORTUNATE

Royal Scots were unfortunate in being disqualified twice, first in the 400 yards free-style relay and then later in the Small Units 400 yards relay—both times for starting off too soon.

Royal Scots were generally conceded a fine chance of taking the Championship, and there is no doubt that their keenness forced them into the errors they made.

It was keenly felt in the first relay for Handman Jordan again swam fine race to establish MacDonnell (Small Units) and win by a touch. But Capt. Sutherland had earlier left the side of the bath before his preceding man had touched.

However, rules are rules, and especially in the Army, must be rigidly adhered to. I say rigidly because in the subsequent relays I carefully watched the Royal Scots men taking off and their second disqualification must have been by the smallest margin.

Results were:
Large Units 400 yards relay—1. Small Units; 2. 12th Heavy Regt.; 3. Middlesex; 4. 5th A.A. Regt. Time, 4.17.5.
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Government Calls For New War-Workers Drive

BRITAIN'S engineering shops—9,000 of them on war work—are called on by the three Supply Ministers to take immediate steps to increase the national supply of skilled labour.

The appeal, signed by Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty; Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply; and Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, says:—

"There is an immediate need for skilled workmen in many factories to bring into production plant recently installed or still idle during night shifts, and to give some relief to those who have been working exceptionally long hours. The need will grow as further plant becomes available.

"It is, therefore, essential that in every engineering establishment upgrading and 'training up' should take place to the fullest extent practicable.

"Thousands of semi-skilled workers will have to be trained. Government training schemes have already been expanded, and are being expanded further. These alone cannot be enough.

"The greater part of training must be undertaken by employers themselves in their own workshops. The further expansion of Government schemes requires skilled instructors. Every additional instructor must come from industry, but each instructor can produce many semi-skilled men a year.

Man-Power Plan

"The Minister of Labour and National Service has set up an organisation to ensure that the best use is made of available man-power. Although many of the large force of inspectors are already at work, and the remainder are being appointed as quickly as possible, their task of visiting the many thousands of firms concerned will take a long time.

"Meanwhile, you should on your own initiative, take any of the following steps that you can, and take them immediately.

Employers are asked to:—
Upgrade men of less experience and release the most highly skilled workers for more important jobs. Divide up jobs so that they can be done by less skilled workers. Cut down your demands for skilled labour. Release men if you can.

Use your own factory to train new and present employees. Help to find suitable men as instructors in training centres.

Help the Ministry of Labour officials, and remember that they are thinking of the nation's needs as a whole.

The appeal concludes:—
"If you are in doubt about the relative importance of any work you are doing you should consult the area officer of the department for which the work is being done, or the employment exchange manager."

"If we do not all pull together we are in danger—the matter was never more urgent—act now."

FOR THE NEAR EAST SHANGHAI VOLUNTEERS LEAVE FOR BRITISH ARMY

Shanghai, Sept. 19. The second contingent of British volunteers, numbering 60, will leave within the next few days for army posts in the Near East. It was announced today they will be sent to training camps where they will be given special training before being taken into the regular service.

Among the volunteers is Mr. R. G. Woodhead, former Reuters agent at Peking, and son of Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, noted authority on China.

The first batch of volunteers comprising 14 men, left Shanghai in August. During the past few months the recruiting office has been flooded with applications from Britons here seeking entry into the services.—Reuters.

UNIVERSITY MOVING UNDERGRADUATES MAY HAVE TO QUIT KUNMING

Chungking, Sept. 19. The South-West Joint University, comprising Tsinghua and Peking Universities—at present is located at Kunming. Famous stories written about the students walking thousands of miles from North China to the mountains of Yunnan to join the campus may have to be repeated, only this time the students may have to start a long trek along the high mountain trails of Sikong to go to the new campus at Sichang, South Sikong. So far, however, no large-scale evacuation from Kunming has yet started.—Reuters.

INDO-CHINA SITUATION

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ket, or try to overlook the Japanese fleet.

Single-Handed

"France is single-handed in the Far East. We have only small military naval and air forces there. Britain has withdrawn her military forces from Hongkong and Singapore and the United States has declined to give us any military support in preserving the status quo in Indo-China.

"At the same time, France will use all the force allowed by the armistice convention to assure her integrity by fighting those forces who provoke dissidence.

"The same determination to preserve the French Empire will guide France in her refusal to meet the last-minute demands by Siam for territorial concessions among the Mekong River islands. The same determination will stimulate France's insistence on full respect for her sovereignty in the Franco-Japanese negotiations at Hanoi."

Decoux To Call Bluff?

Another "United Press" message from Hanoi, received at 9.30 a.m., quotes informed circles there as believing that Vice Admiral Decoux has called Japan's bluff.

It is understood that the members of the Japanese Mission have been quibbling among themselves because it is alleged, Tokyo has not yet agreed to support any show of force.

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portion of the enemy and five enemy bombers altogether were destroyed.

CAIRO: No Change in Situation

There is no change in the situation in Egypt. The enemy continues to consolidate his positions in Sidu Barrut and Sollum areas. There is nothing to report on other fronts.

Gracie Tells M.P. He Is Wrong

He insists On His Question

MR. J. J. DAVIDSON, M.P. for the Maryhill Division of Glasgow, said that he did not intend to withdraw his question in the House of Commons about the amount of money Gracie Fields, her husband, Monty Banks, and her pianist took with them from Britain despite a reply cabled to London by Gracie Fields.

In her cable from Beverly Hills, California, to the Home Secretary and Mr. Davidson Gracie said she was sure Mr. Davidson had been misinformed.

"I see no reason to follow Miss Fields's suggestion that I should consult her banker," Mr. Davidson said recently. "The reply of the Home Secretary will be sufficient."

In my question I wish to have the public reassured that preference is not being given to celebrities in the issue of exit permits and in the amount of money they are being allowed to take from this country."

EGG TRADE THREATENS BOYCOTT

LONDON wholesalers have decided not to deal in eggs unless the Food Ministry control their prices.

The Eggs Advisory Committee, representing all sections of the industry, adjourned after an eight hours' discussion without being able to make an agreed recommendation to the Ministry as to future action.

The next step will probably be for the Ministry to formulate plans and submit these to the Committee for observations.

Meanwhile eggs are in such short supply that one London retailer who normally sells 140 boxes of 120 English eggs each week had fewer than 20 boxes this week.

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Duke of Kent Escapes From A Time Bomb

London, Sept. 19.

At 3.30 p.m. to-day a time bomb exploded within 80 yards of an automobile in which the Duke of Kent was touring the bombed areas of South-east London. His car had just stopped before a barrier bearing the notice "Danger: Unexploded Bomb" when the bomb exploded.

Rubble shot into the air and two seconds later a shower of stones and earth fell on the Duke's car. The Duke emerged from the car after the shower subsided.

Nearby watchers rushed up and several women shook the Duke's hand. The Duke then smilingly examined the bomb crater and chatted with the Royal Engineers bomb disposal squad, whose precautions had ensured that the bomb would explode harmlessly.

Labourers Machine-Gunned

A lone raider swooped from the clouds over one London area district early this afternoon and machine-gunned a gang of labourers working on a crater resulting from last night's raid. Simultaneously eight heavy explosions rocked the vicinity.

There were several bursts of anti-aircraft fire over the London area in the early afternoon.—United Press.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

RACING RE-STARTS AT HAPPY VALLEY TO-DAY

Charlie Encarnacao Absent From Colony: V.V. Needa On Holiday In Shanghai

AFTER A LAPSE of over three months, Happy Valley will again be the meeting place of all lovers of horse-flesh to-morrow, the opening of the second half of the racing season under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club. First saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., the rising of the curtain being at two o'clock for the event to be ridden by novices.

Owing to general evacuation, the absence of all the feminine sporting celebrities with their best "Sunday frocks" (parading up and down the lawns) will be much felt and there is no doubt that there will be many empty seats in the private boxes.

Racing fans, I am sure, have been patiently waiting for the resumption of the extra race meetings, but it is obviously not to be expected that all the geese will be running up to beat form after the few weeks' holiday in the pastures.

As predicted there were fireworks last Saturday, but a few of the dress rehearsal gallops were much too fast. However, a nice programme of nine events will be presented to the racing public and we are assured of a good day's sport.

Absent Jockeys

FOLLOWERS of Charlie Encarnacao will not see him in the saddle, for he has said good-bye to Hongkong (returned to Shanghai for good) and "Billy" Poy will be looking after the string of ponies owned by the opulent owner, Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

"Vic" Needa is holidaying in Shanghai and whether he will be back in time for to-morrow's racing is a matter for conjecture. The "harlot" jockey, Benny Proolz, will be seen in action for a couple of races, but his mezzanine paymaster, Donald Black, will have his hands full.

The return of K. L. Ip to the saddle will be an addition to the list of experienced riders, and so will K. W. Fung to the apprentice class. G. Trevorton has accepted several mounts and he requires only one outsize to become a "full blown" jockey.

The introduction of a new standard whip (length not to exceed 24 inches) and also special

Aussies' Autumn Plate

Far View Not Nominated For Main Event

AS ANTICIPATED Far View has not been nominated for the main event, the Australian Ponies' Autumn Plate for subscription ponies of this season over the champion course, but Sapper is among the list of entries.

Junk Bay H'cap

FINAL EVENT FOR NOVICES

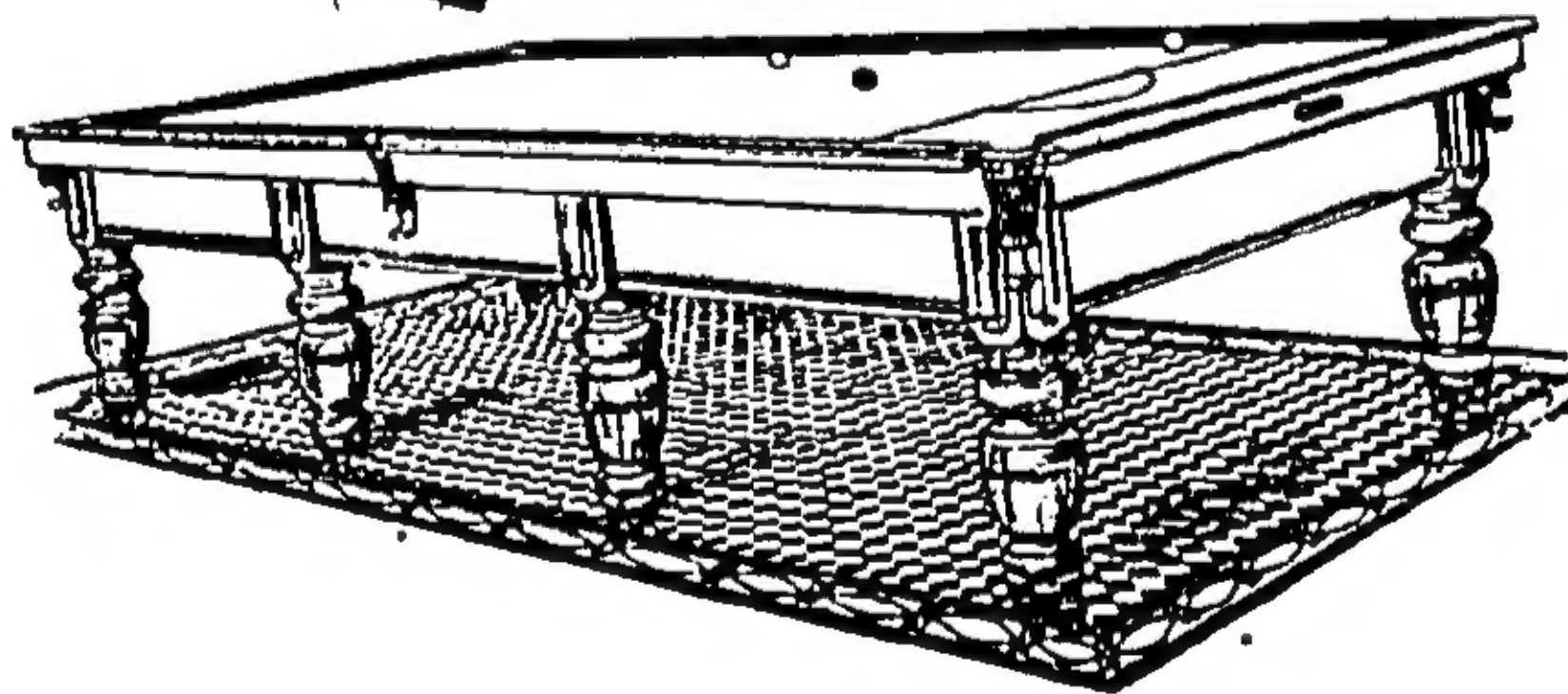
THE MEETING will terminate with a novice event in the second section of the Junk Bay Handicap for "D" class China riders.

By virtue of his win in Macau last Sunday, Double Chance has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. The extra lead should not worry him, but can the dun be relied upon to provide a carbon copy of his Macau run?

Double Chance, a sub-griffin of 1935 class, has had a good measure of success, but the constant letting down does not appeal to punters. Fel Ying and Gold Coin should fill the minor positions.

spurs will come into force to-morrow. The "spotting box" will be used for the first time.

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Vaucluse Handicap

Anything May Happen In Fast Field Of 26

SHORTAGE OF JOCKEYS

THE BEST EVENT of the afternoon will be the Vaucluse Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies, and the sprint over six furlongs has attracted no less than 26 entries. I doubt if there are enough jockeys to go round, and it appears to me that a few owners will be left in the lurch.

There are several speedy merchants in this short distance event and anything may happen.

With the rails removed forward, the grass track has been narrowed by at least eight feet and a lot, therefore, depends upon the position of the draw.

On the look, Chaffel appeals to me, and, furthermore, the bay mare is in fine fettle. She was given a "dust up" over six furlongs last Wednesday, and the mare certainly pleased the stable John Peel.

EXCELLENT RUN

THE trip was covered in 1.25½ romping home in 27¼ seconds for the last two furlongs and the lady seemed to love the jaunt.

This, of course, does not mean to convey that she is going to have an easy passage, for it is certain that strong opposition is sure to come from A Great Time, Fair Chance, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Rowan, Sydney and Viceroy. The last named is to be ridden by Donald Black who does not require any introduction.

Sea Jay is nicely weighted, and she has a good sporting chance as an outsider.

Gosford Handicap

Well-Balanced Weights Among Choice Of Four

THE GOSFORD HANDICAP for "C" class Australian ponies over a mile should be a fine show because there are a few contenders with equal chances. There does not seem to be any loophole in the framing of handicap weights, but it seems that the winner is to be found among those appearing at the top of the ladder.

The low weight carriers have not been let in (so to speak) and I sincerely hope that I have not erred in my reckoning. With Australian Prince out of the road, the four most dangerous are Brown Derby, Income Tax, Piccadilly Jim and Spring Shine.

My fancy is Piccadilly Jim.

The present membership is 32. Ten members joined the Club during the year and 14 resigned. J. S. Smith, one of the founders of our club and for many years Vice-President was elected a life member.

Kowloon Chess Club Annual Meeting

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

The Club's senior championship was won by K. M. A. Barnett, with A. Kurrik and A. Y. Birukoff tying for second.

The finances are in a healthy position.

ISLAND BAY HANDICAP

First Section

Peter Wei And Resisting Time Hard To Beat

WE SHOULD SEE a good field in the first section of Island Bay Handicap for "C" class China ponies, and the run is a sprint over six furlongs.

I was surprised to see the transfer of a few racers to the second division. However, the post of honours has fallen upon Attracting Time, who has not summered too well, and I hear the mare is going to spend a quiet afternoon in her stall. In her absence, Mr. Li Po-chun's colours will be donned by Resisting Time, and this chestnut, in my estimation, will carry it to victory.

It will be recalled that the stallion pulled up lame after his second outing in the Griffins' Spring Handicap at the annual meet and he never raced again.

Last Saturday Resisting Time ran a mile in 2.02½, finishing the first quarter in 30½ seconds, and there was nothing wrong with his four legs after the gallop. With that astute rider Peter Wei in the saddle the combination is hard to beat.

As placegetters, either Eve of Muskeeter, but I understand that he is alright, and the chestnut is not

Second Section

Second Leg Of The Daily Double

THE TRANSFER of Advancing Time, Boolat Bay, Galveston Bay, National Pride, Rose Fiana and Tampa Bay, (all of whom were hitherto in the first division) to the second section of the Island Bay Handicap for "C" class China makes came as a surprise to the early birds.

Incidentally, the event is the second leg of the daily double and spotting the right 'un is not going to be easy. I am glad that Soldier of Britain (winner of 1934 Hongkong St. Leger) has been set to carry only 152 lbs., but the old warrior has to keep a sharp look out on a few of this year's recruits, especially Victoria. The latter has found a new home and I have a hunch she will carry Mr. Li Lan-sung's colours to victory. Rose Fiana has a poor field to beat and she should be well up at the finish. "It" Boolat Bay makes up his mind to run there is nothing to touch him, and Rose-Queen is also under the same category.

bad for a minor placing. As placegetters, either Eve of Muskeeter, but I understand that he is alright, and the chestnut is not

AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Colony Half Mile Record Shattered

Chan Chun-nam Betters Five-Year Old Mark by 32 1/5 secs.

A BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

(By "Tinker")

THE FIRST of the Colony swimming records expected to be broken this year was that of the 880 yards free-style during the heats at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday, when Chan Chun-nam fulfilled expectations and shattered W. Lawrence's five-year old time of 11 mins. 47.4/5 secs. by 32.1/5 secs., setting up a new mark (which will stand for quite some time) of 11 mins. 15.3/5 secs.

Not only this, but the promise that the 440 yards record is also to be broken was made, for in his record-breaking swim, Chan clocked 5 mins. 28 secs. for the quarter-mile, which time is only 1.3/5 seconds outside Lawrence's record of 1935!



Chan Chun-nam... brilliant Lat Tann swimming star who shattered the half-mile record for the Colony at the championship heats at the V.R.C. yesterday.

Ng Nin, of whom much was expected also, was unopposed and returned the time of 12 mins. 19 secs. Mak Wai-ming, from whom opposition was expected, gave up the race at the 500-yard mark.

In the women's heats for the 100 yards free-style, the V.R.C. swimmers were very much to the fore. Miss V. Churn beat Miss Ho Wai-king by two yards, who in turn beat Miss J. Anderson by a foot. In the other heat Miss D. Weir swam a graceful and well-judged race to clock 74½ secs. Miss Churn's time was 73½ secs.

Chan Chun-nam's Times

Chan Chun-nam's times for every 100 yards during his race were:

100 yards	67½ secs.
200 yards	2 mins. 21 secs.
220 yards	2 mins. 33 secs.
300 yards	3 mins. 58½ secs.
400 yards	4 mins. 58½ secs.
440 yards	5 mins. 28 secs.
500 yards	6 mins. 15½ secs.
600 yards	7 mins. 34½ secs.
700 yards	8 mins. 54½ secs.
800 yards	10 mins. 14½ secs.
880 yards	11 mins. 15½ secs.

Port Phillip H'cap

Big Field But Without Much Quality

WE SHOULD HAVE the second biggest field of the day in the Port Phillip Handicap confined to "D" class Australian ponies, but there is not much quality among the list of 17 entries.

Several juveniles of this season are going to make their debut in the new standard, and judging from their performances it is my firm belief that they will provide the first three placed ponies.

It must, however, be admitted that a few of this year's youngsters do not like the gate business, and that is a big handicap.

A Green Time, Catterick Bridge and Grand Allegiance should be in the semaphore. Venus Bay by Double Court is recommended for a small investment of \$5 each way.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st September, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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Junk Bay H'cap DIFFICULT SELECTION FOR NOVICES' RACE

Entries for the Junk Bay Handicap confined to "D" class China ponies have been divided into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper, and the allotment of 20 racers to the first division should provide a good swing in the opening chorus.

The inclusion of a few griffins demoted quite recently from the "C" class, coupled with the return of Chatterbox, Clowner, Salvage Master, and Sylvandale makes it very hard for one to get a line, and in the circumstances it looks as if the mile race is going to be very open. Eve of Hunting, Eve of Peace, Hurricane and National Success have had several outings in the events confined to griffins of this season, but they generally finished among the "also runs."

BIG PROBLEM
Of the four youngsters I like Eve of Hunting and National Success, but how good are they against the old timers such as Chatterbox, Clowner, Portrush, Salvage Master, Sunlight, Time, Sunlight View and West Lake?

Being a novice event I cannot as yet make up my mind which will be my best three, but my final selections will appear to-morrow.

Chan Chun-nam Shatters Half Mile Record

(Continued from Page 6.)

race over 50 yards to select the fourth man for the 200 yards free-style relay team. With the four men touching the final wall as quickly as one could say 1-2-3-4, Chan Chun-nam took first in 20 1/2 seconds. The results were:

Championships
Heat 1—Ng Nin, 12 mins. 19 secs.; Lau Tai-ping, 14 mins. 33 1/2 secs.
Heat 2—Chan Chun-nam, 11 mins. 15 1/2 secs. (record); Charles Huang, 12 mins. 12 1/2 secs.; Yau Sai-kwan, 12 mins. 40 1/2 secs.
All five therefore qualified for the final
WOMEN'S 100 YARDS FREE-STYLE
Heat 1—D. Weir, 74 1/2 secs.; I. Lopes, 71 secs.; L. Sadick, 71 1/2 secs.; Ip Siu-nan, 76 1/2 secs.
Heat 2—V. Churn, 73 1/2 secs.; Ho Wai-king, 74 1/2 secs.; J. Anderson, 74 1/2 secs.
Heat 3—V. Churn, 73 1/2 secs.; Ho Wai-king, 74 1/2 secs.; J. Anderson, 74 1/2 secs.
Heat 4—V. Churn, 73 1/2 secs.; Ho Wai-king, 74 1/2 secs.; J. Anderson, 74 1/2 secs.

V.R.C. COMPETITIONS
Boys 50 yards breast-stroke handicap.
Heat 1—J. Souza-Pereira (7), 46 3/5 secs.; R. Souza (10), 57 secs.
Heat 2—H. Silva (2), 40 3/5 secs.; J. Gomes (7), 30 2/5 secs.; G. Yvanovich (9), 35 3/5 secs.; C. Guterres (10), 47 1/2 secs.; A. Lopes (7), 40 4/5 secs.
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Major Baseball ANOTHER WIN FOR CLEVELAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (UP).—Cleveland Indians chalked up another win in the American Baseball League to-day, beating the Washington Senators 3-1. This victory keeps the Indians ahead in the race for the pennant.

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Battery	Knott, Dietrich, George, Trean	1	7	2
Philadelphia	Potter, Beckman, Hayes	1	4	3
Detroit	Trout, Tebbette	10	13	1
Battery	Johnson, Fleming, Peacock	1	9	1
St. Louis	Auker, Swift	2	10	0
NATIONAL LEAGUE		R	H	E
Chicago	Passau, McCulloch	0	14	1
New York	Lohrman, Dean, Odca	8	5	5
St. Louis	Bowman, Hutchinson, Owen	4	14	0
Pittsburgh	Heintzelman, Klinger, Davis	2	10	1

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LABOUR MEMBERS ASK WHY SOCIALITE FASCIST WAS NOT INTERNED?

MR. J. J. DAVIDSON, Labour M.P. for Maryhill, Glasgow, sought an assurance in Parliament that restrictions imposed on Lady (Edward) Pearson would not be modified because she is related to a member of the Government.

American Planes For Britain

To Send Thousand A Month

New York, Sept. 19. American military planes are being delivered to Britain at the rate of 500 a month and production is being stepped up so as to reach a peak of 1,000 a month by next February or March, according to officials of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America as quoted in a Washington dispatch to the New York Herald-Tribune.

After reaching the thousand mark, the officials said, exports would level off to about 550 a month until April, 1942, when it was estimated that 11,000 planes would have been delivered.

The dispatch adds: "It is generally considered in aviation circles that 80 per cent of all the military planes being built in the United States are going to Britain and Canada." Reuter.

Release of Bombers

Washington, Sept. 19. It was officially disclosed today that the War and Navy Departments would release for sale abroad four-engine bombers which were common versions of the Army's long-range B-17 bombers.

It was announced that it was possible that Britain would obtain some older models of the B-17 now in service or take over some of the Army's current orders for the same bomber. The bombers are credited with a top speed of over 300 miles an hour and a range of over 3,000 miles. Reuter.

Python at Wagan

DISCOVERED EATING CHICKENS IN LIGHTHOUSE

An 11-foot python, which was caught while eating chickens at Wagan lighthouse, has been brought alive to the Hongkong Harbour Department office.

Recently, it is said, members of the staff of the lighthouse began suspecting each other of taking chickens, until the real culprit was discovered on Tuesday night. The snake was secured after it had coiled up inside a box.

It is remarkable how a python could have found its way to Wagan, as the lighthouse is some distance by sea from land, and snakes have not been reported there before. Pythons are, however, good swimmers.

The reptile is to be sold to a Chinese medicine dealer.

ITALY'S PLAN FOR PALESTINE

A detailed plan for the administration of Palestine after the war on lines similar to Albania was published in the Italian "Tribuna."

It was part of a campaign launched in Italy suggesting that the inclusion of Palestine in the Italian Empire is one of the Duce's war aims.

The Italian Government is reported to be seeking to induce the Vatican to demand a "Catholic Holy Land."

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P.O. Low Pay A War Danger, Says Union

The Union of Post Office Workers said that it was having great difficulty in controlling rapidly growing discontent among Post Office temporary workers owing to low pay and bad conditions.

There are now about 20,000 temporary workers, compared with just over 2,000 before the war. The Post Office, having refused a claim for an extra 5s a week, is said to be now urging the union, which has asked the Minister of Labour to intervene.

The union stresses the temptations to which temporaries, for instance in the postal censorship department, are exposed.

And it says the attraction of higher pay for munitions work is leaving the Post Office seriously short of men in some provincial centres. The Department is accused of deliberately creating difficulties so as to employ women on men's jobs at cheaper rates.

NAWAB'S BIG GIFT

Sindh, Sept. 19. The Nawab of Bhawal has presented his American securities valued at £75,000 for the purchase of Spitfires for the R.A.F. Reuter.

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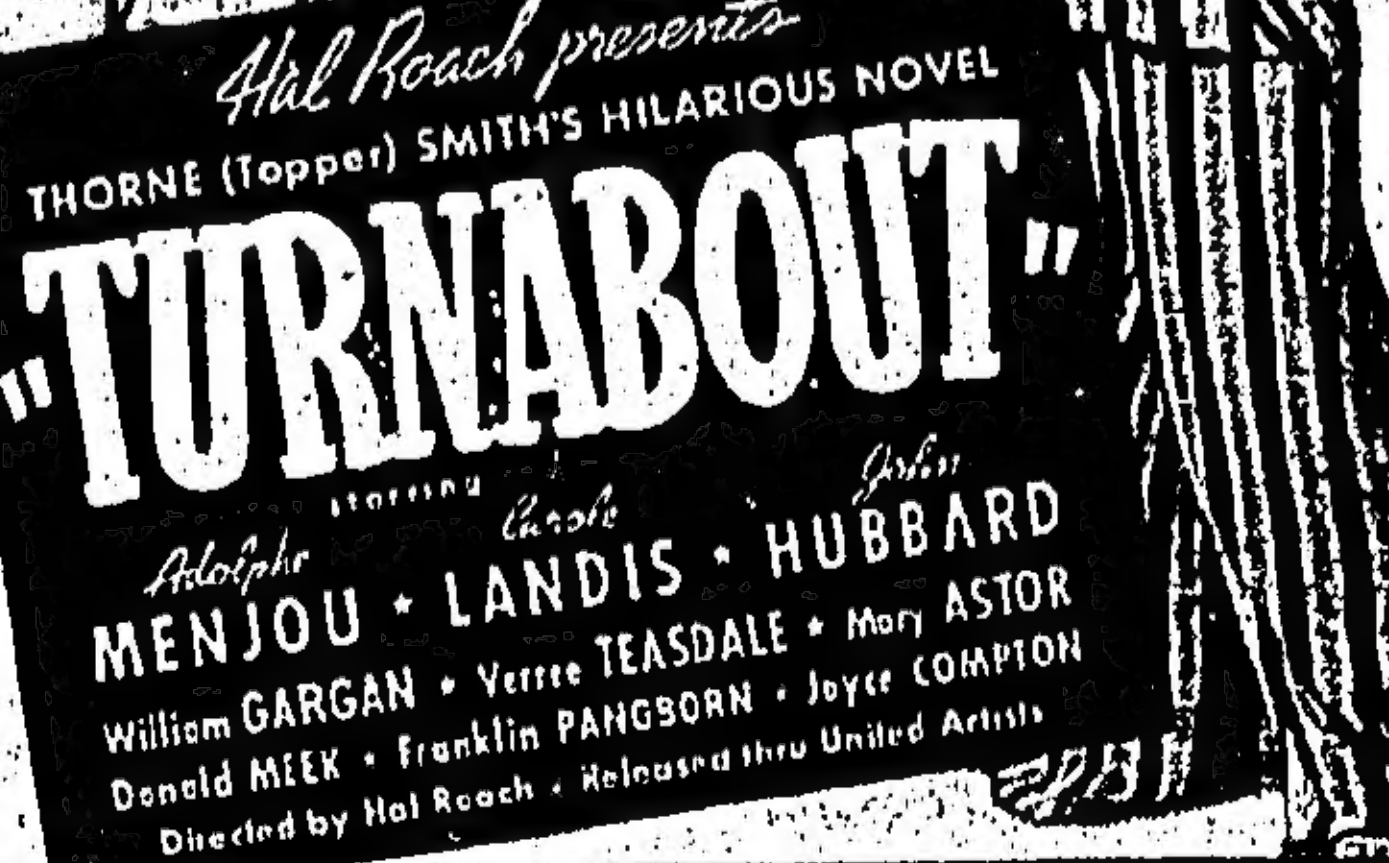
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72-HOUR ULTIMATUM PRESENTED TO INDO-CHINA BY JAPANESE

Critical Situation Created As New Demands Are Received

THE "TELEGRAPH" LEARNED FROM AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE THIS MORNING THAT THE JAPANESE ARMY HAS PRESENTED FAR-REACHING DEMANDS TO FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

THESE NEW DEMANDS, ACCEPTANCE OF WHICH WILL MEAN THE VIRTUAL END OF FRENCH SOVEREIGNTY, HAVE BEEN PRESENTED IN THE FORM OF AN ULTIMATUM.

According to the "Telegraph" source, the ultimatum will expire at midnight on Sunday. Confirmation of the ultimatum is received in a "United Press" message from Shanghai, which states that it expires at midnight to-morrow.

The exact nature of the new demands is unknown. But it is believed, says "United Press," that they include the granting of permanent aerial and naval bases to Japan.

EVACUATION BEGINS

A "Havas" message from Hanoi (quoted by "United Press") states that the Japanese evacuation began this morning.

The French authorities are making available every facility for the evacuation of the Japanese.

Chinese sources reported this morning that additional movements of Japanese warships and transports southward have become evident. About 20 Japanese warships have arrived at Amoy from Shanghai. They are believed to be en route to Indo-China.

A despatch to the Hongkong "Ta Kung Pao" from its Kuning correspondent states that the Japanese authorities are "making a final decision" regarding Indo-China.

Thailand Prepares

Simultaneously, Thailand has concentrated heavy forces along the Mekong River, which forms the frontier between Thailand and Indo-China.

The "Ta Kung Pao" states that the situation is most critical, and declares that the Japanese are instigating Thailand to bring pressure to bear upon French Indo-China.

Chinese Action

"Reuter" reports from Chungking that the Chinese Foreign Office has announced Chinese assumption of control over the Kuning-Kunming section of the Kuning-Haliphong Railway.

The statement declares: "Assumption of such authority is based on a Sino-French Railway Agreement providing that if China is engaged in war with a foreign country, this railway shall not observe the rules of neutrality but be placed at the entire disposal of China."

"At present the military headquarters in the railway region are given authority to control the operation of the railway, but so far there has not been any change in railway personnel."

The statement reiterated that the destruction of the International Bridge over the Red River was a measure of self-defence.

Considerable interest attached to the recent passage through the Straits of Gibraltar of a squadron of French warships, in view of the situation in Indo-China.

Some sources believe that the warships may be bound for Indo-China. These reports, however, lack confirmation.

Mr. Cordell Hull has denied that the recall of the U.S. Fleet from Hawaii has any connection with the situation in Indo-China.

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BALKANS UPHEAVAL

Hungarian "Reign Of Terror" Alleged

BUCHAREST, Sept. 19 (UP).—The official Rumanian radio to-day alleged that Hungarians had started a "reign of terror" in many Transylvanian centres.

It was asserted that ten Rumanians had been massacred. It is believed that there have been isolated killings in other parts of the country.

Importance Of Iceland

British Decision

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Canada and Britain have agreed that Iceland is a point where substantial troops must be maintained, the Canadian Minister of Defence told a press conference yesterday.

It is understood in Ottawa that the joint U.S.-Canada Defence Board will include this in their survey.

An Ottawa message says that service members of the United States-Canada Joint defence board left for the Pacific Coast to-day to inspect Canadian-United States defences.

When their survey is completed the whole Board will meet on the Pacific Coast.

LATEST

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Further Late News

Anglo-U.S. Union Is Discussed in Commons

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Domel).—The dream of an Anglo-American union took more concrete form to-day when discussion on the subject was introduced into the House of Commons.

The Lord Privy Seal, Major Attlee, told the House that Members would be given opportunity for the fullest discussion before "any union of the kind proposed to France is put forward, with regard to the United States."

(A few days before the Armistice, Britain proposed a union of the two Empires to France.)
"The Prime Minister is prepared to give such an assurance if this important scheme is put forward," said Major Attlee.

DICTATORS MAY MEET

Rome Discussions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Sept. 19 (UP).—Hitler and Mussolini may meet in the near future.

Political circles regard this as more than possible, in view of the rapid progress made in the Axis discussions in Rome to-day.

Herr von Ribbentrop arrived by train at 12.55 p.m. to-day and was greeted at the station by Count Ciano, Herr von Mackensen the German Ambassador, Mr. Elji Amari the Japanese Ambassador, Baron Federice Villani the Hungarian Minister and M. Stankov Pomenov the Bulgarian Minister.

The Minister of Propaganda, Signor Alfieri accompanied Ribbentrop who reviewed an Italian guard of honour and a detachment of German Brown-shirts on the station platform. Outside the station a crowd of 2,000 welcomed the German envoy.

Ribbentrop With Il Duce

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—According to Rome Radio, Mussolini received Ribbentrop at the Palazzo Venezia this afternoon from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m.

Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, Herr von Mackensen, the German Ambassador in Rome, and Signor Dino Alfieri, the Italian Ambassador in Berlin, were present.

Ribbentrop Heavily Guarded

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, arrived in Rome TURN to Page 2, Column Four

ITALIANS USING NAZI BOMBERS

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—German bombers are now flying with the Italian air force, in the Mediterranean area.

This was revealed when two German bombers were shot down on Wednesday when they made a dive-bombing attack on Malta.

Two German planes and one Italian machine fell victims to Hurricane and Gladiator fighters.

MEN OF THE A.I.F. IN EGYPT



Men of the Australian Imperial Forces are now about to go into active war service as a result of the Italian invasion of Egypt. Here we see some of the cheery lads, members of a motor cycle reconnaissance unit, posing on an old water wheel, used in the world's most primitive system of irrigation, "somewhere in the Middle East".

The British Navy Goes Into Action Again

ITALIANS RAKED BY GUNS OF MEDITERRANEAN FLEET

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique says that an initial report from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, indicates that units of the Royal Navy continue to harry the northern flank of the Italian advance from Libya.

On the night of September 17, one of our naval units bombarded the coast road to Sollum at close range.

Simultaneously other units attacked enemy concentrations at Sidi el Barrani.

"Considerable Success"

The C-in-C of the Mediterranean reports that both these bombardments appeared to have considerable success.

Ben Ghazi was attacked by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm on September 18. During this attack one merchant ship was set on fire, one destroyed and probably sunk and several other ships damaged.

Yesterday the Italian communique admitted that "a torpedo boat and a portion have been sunk and a few fires started at Ben Ghazi."

Concurrently with these operations off the Libyan coast, naval operations have been carried out in other areas. In the course of these operations, no enemy naval forces could be located.

Severe Check For Italians

Reports of the R.A.F. attack on Ben Ghazi, the Italian seaplane base in Libya, indicate that reinforcements of men and supplies for Marshal Graziani's army may have received a severe check, says "Reuters" military correspondent.

This port has been used as an advance base and it is 350 miles east of the coast.

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Nazi Air Raids On London Continuing

Special to the "Telegraph"

AIR RAIDS ON London are continuing.

Nazi attacks last night caused damage to the Peter Robinson departmental store in Oxford Street, to a popular cinema house and restaurant in the West End, to the Inner Temple Library, Public Record Office and to the courtyard of the British Museum.

"Domel" reports that the Japanese Embassy has been damaged by bombs. As a result the Ambassador has established a temporary Embassy at the Royal Mount Hotel.

The German High Command claims in a communique that German aircraft have bombed the docks at Tilbury, Chatham Naval Yard, the Victoria and Albert docks, in addition

to other points at Liverpool and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

While R. A. F. Hit Back
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GERMANY'S invasion embarkation points were again harassed by the Royal Air Force yesterday, strong forces of British planes delivering sustained attacks against many ports.

Considerable damage was done to the German barges and other shipping, as well as to the docks and harbour works, at Antwerp, Zeebrugge, Dunldirk, Ostend, Calais, Boulogne, Dieppe and Le Havre.

Other forces of bombers attacked distribution centres at Osnabruck, Ebrang, Hamm, Mannheim and Brussels.

A German convoy was attacked off Borkum, a direct hit being registered on a Nazi destroyer. . . .

Seven British planes failed to return to their bases, says "United Press."

BRITAIN'S OIL RESERVES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 19 (UP).—The German air attacks on Britain's oil reserves, since the outbreak of the war, have destroyed only a little more than two per cent of the total stocks, according to a spokesman of the Ministry for Home Security.

London Has Quietest Day Since Sept. 7

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—To-night's "sit" raid alarm, the second of the day in the London area, was sounded as darkness closed in and followed London's quietest day since the air offensive against the capital opened on September 7.

Thunderous weather, with masses of dark clouds facing them over southern England, kept the enemy formations ground, says "Reuters" air correspondent.

Goering, unable to continue experimenting for an answer to the costly problem of mass day raiding, sent over only a few single raiders during the day.

Despite great difficulties in the way of successful interception, R.A.F. fighters did relatively very well, their unofficial bag being four bombers.

It is estimated that some two-fifths of the aircraft participated in "blind" bombing in London and other parts of the country last night.

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- The following Rules will govern the Competition.
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- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture is entered in more than one Section.
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- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Lai Chi Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
No. 2231	Wing Hong Street, Kowloon Island	Lot No. 7003	as per sale plan	about \$4,000	\$10,350

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No. 608	Inland Lot	Blue Pool Road	as per sale plan	about \$2,000	\$13,000

ITALIANS RAKED BY GUNS....

FROM PAGE ONE

of Tripoli and is better situated to supply water and fuel. As Marshal Graziani's lines of communication lengthen, his problems of supplies grow formidable, while his left flank on the sea coast is under the constant attention of the British Navy.

Naval units have already attacked and used their high velocity of fire at point-blank range with devastating effect.

Relying On Speed & Weight

The Italians are relying on their speed and weight to overcome opposition. They have not yet reached the real final defensive position nor have they been engaged by other than highly mobile British forces using guerrilla tactics in the desert.

Chuzi to their forward advancing troops is now about 300 miles as the crow flies.

If the R.A.F. continues to harass such a difficult line of communication in conjunction with naval attacks from the sea, the army's task in this huge combined operation will be greatly simplified.

Italian Admission

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No. 2232	New Kowloon	Junction of Shun Ning Road & Camp Street, Shamshulpo	as per sale plan	about \$350	\$1,250

LONDON HAS QUIETTEST DAY

FROM PAGE ONE

This was rather above the average. There is no official confirmation of reports that four were brought down in tonight's raid appeared to be trying a new avenue of approach to Central London from the north-west.

They got a warm welcome from guns in the locality.

Later Central London's barrage took up the challenge, bursting into the full column as the raiders drew nearer.

As the raiders continued to arrive over the north-west of London, dozens of searchlights converged to try and locate them.

Suddenly the roar of British fighters was heard. The searchlights were switched off and the German and British machines engaged in a game of hide and seek.

Bombs were dropped early in the raid in one district in the north-east outskirts of the city.

London's anti-aircraft barrage defence shows no sign of slackening in intensity.

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72-HOUR ULTIMATUM

FROM PAGE ONE

"Delicate" Situation

HAIPHONG, Sept. 20 (Reuters). The French authorities officially state that the Indo-China negotiations have reached a "delicate" stage.

It is understood that the Japanese have now presented demands for bases which are alleged to be outside the scope of the Vichy agreement and regarded as unnecessary solely for Japan's campaign against China.

Japanese nationals throughout Indo-China are ostentatiously gathered, ready to evacuate.

A special train is leaving Hanoi for Haiphong to-day carrying only Japanese civilians, but a general order for evacuation has not been given.

A Japanese Army spokesman says: "We are still optimistic of a successful conclusion to the negotiations which are continuing."

Italian air force intervened and that a British cruiser was hit during the subsequent action.

The Italian High Command states that the British carried out aerial action in the Tobruk zone and against Bombs and Benghazi in Libya, causing damage and losses.

It also states that British aircraft attacked Rhodes and Leros, where many fires were started by bombs.

"Everything Going Well"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CAIRO, Sept. 19 (UP).—"Everything is going well, thanks to God," declared Premier Hassan Sabry Pasha to newsmen to-day when he informed them that British naval units had bombed Italian forces at Sidi Barrani.

Free Frenchmen Assist

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuters).—The air force of the Free French is taking an active part in co-operation with British squadrons in operations against Italy in Eastern Africa. It is learned in authoritative circles in London.

In this connection, it is learned that four French almanes participating in reconnaissance light over Abyssinia have been reported missing.

Army Aquatic Championships

SMALL UNITS GAIN TOP AGGREGATE POINTS

Championship Depends On Water-Polo Final

(By "Tinker")

HIGHEST AGGREGATE points in the Hongkong (Army) Area Swimming Championships at the Victoria Barracks pool yesterday were taken by Small Units, who after the series of fine swimming events that comprised the programme, ended the day with a total of 52 points—two ahead of the 5th. A. A. Regt. R.A., the Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regt.

But the destination of the Aggregate Challenge Cup will be decided on the Large Units water-polo tournament—Signals (Small Units) have yet to meet the 8th Heavy Regt. R.A., and the winners to meet the Middlesex in the final.

The new pool and its surroundings looked beautiful yesterday in the brilliant sunshine, and though some like Plunging were somewhat drawn out and monotonous, the efficiency with which the whole was run avoided any unnecessary delay and spectators spent an enjoyable afternoon.

SCOTS UNFORTUNATE

Royal Scots were unfortunate in being disqualified twice first in the 400 yards free-style relay and then later in the Small Units 400 yards relay both times for starting off too soon.

Royal Scots were generally conceded a fine chance of taking the Championship, and there is no doubt but that their keenness forced them into the errors they made. In the 400 yards free-style relay, they were disqualified for starting off too soon, and in the Small Units 400 yards relay, they were disqualified for starting off too soon.

Results were: Large Units 400 yards relay—1. Small Units (2:20.5), 2. Middlesex (2:21.5), 3. Royal Scots (2:22.5), 4. Small Units (2:23.5), 5. 12th Heavy Regt. (2:24.5), 6. 8th Heavy Regt. (2:25.5).

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Football

SING TAO BEAT ROYAL NAVY 5-3

SCORING their second victory this season in two matches—Sing Tao overcame a Royal Navy team 5-3 at Causeway Bay yesterday after a fine and thrilling game.

Prominent in the Navy line-up was Giff, goalkeeper who has taken the place of Robinson, and it speaks volumes to say that Giff on quite a number of occasions proved himself an improvement for local football enthusiasts will remember the sterling performances of Robinson last year.

Navy forwards are fortunate in having three, in fact, were instrumental in effectively controlling the game. Giff, Robinson, and it speaks volumes to say that Giff on quite a number of occasions proved himself an improvement for local football enthusiasts will remember the sterling performances of Robinson last year.

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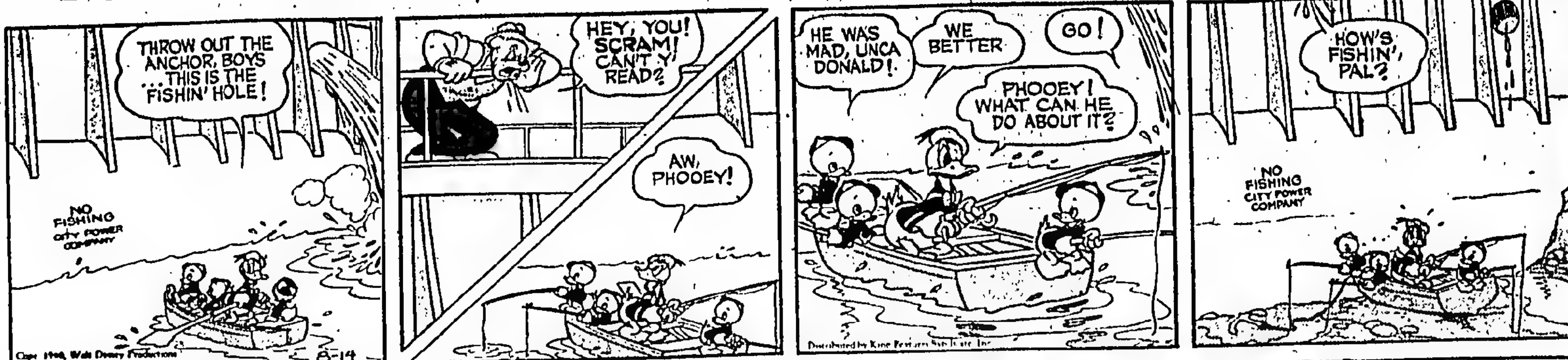
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Fighter boss finds quality pays best

BY BASIL CARDEW
Special Air Reporter

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR HUGH CASWALL TREMENHEERE DOWDING, baron, waste-no-time chief of the Fighter Command, is now No. 1 keyman in the Royal Air Force.

Dowding, fifty-eight, spare, exacting, works it out that his fighters help to shoot down thirteen enemy aircraft every twenty-four hours, and wing a further seven.

Now Dowding "stuffs" throughout the R.A.F. counts on two main assets for these successes which may alter the whole tempo of the war and they are known as two big M's—metal and mentality.

In seeking to reason why our machines stand the pace and outfight the Nazis in almost every battle, let us deal with metal first.

THE German Air Force use machines with a life of fifty flying hours. That is as long as they are made to last, and the Germans say it is sound economy to send them back then to the melting-pot.

Actually, the planes have to go back because of metal fatigue. Through using weaker materials, the Germans find their planes get "tired" far sooner than the British.

It is quick, though, this melting-pot process. In remarkably short time their planes are stripped of the engines, dismantled and thrown into the melting cauldron to be shaped again for another day.

The weakness is that an air force built on these principles is always half in the melting-pot, compared with a third of an air force which is usually considered to be grounded for repairs or reconditioning.

And another trouble is that even if an enemy warplane doesn't meet a British fighter or a well-sighted A.A. gun, it cannot be used for more than half a dozen battering trips over Britain.

This is the price the Germans pay for mass-produced, stamped-out warplanes, made as if in a sausage factory.

NOW how does the fighter air chief marshal (Sir Hugh) line it up with our own metals?

A British warplane is built for a fighting life of approximately 250 hours. Then it is turned over for training purposes for a further 250 hours.

But it also has a three-hour ground inspection after sixty flying hours, a half-day overhaul at the end of 120 hours, and when it has been in the air for 220 hours the ground staff give it a whole-day once-over, which is a thorough business.

This seems to be sounder economy in the long run.

Because a British warplane is a handmade job, built with the world's best metals, it can do this long service with 100 per cent. of safety.

GOERING'S aircraft are in no way handmade. His planes are good on paper. Even when the first were made they were good. Four hundred miles an hour for the fighters and more than 300 for the bombers. Everything right, nothing to fear.

But unfortunately for the Nazi pilots, these planes were only the prototypes. They were the first show models.

Now they are in mass production. Performance is nothing like the same, nor safety. The planes coming from the sausage machines often fall or shake apart when throttle is opened. Others flutter from wing tip to wing tip like the eyelids of a Victorian swooner.

Anyway, they give the German pilots a pretty rough time and combats become a losing hazard.

Sir Hugh Dowding, who flies his own plane, ranks this M for metal high indeed, and it has a lot to do with the other M—mentality of his boys who do the fighting. The boys say: "It's half the fight to have a good plane. Makes you feel you've won before it's begun."

DOWDING is proud of the way the R.A.F. mentally equip his crews who fly the planes. A first-class British pilot costs the country about £10,000. That includes his training and pay. Sounds rather high, but the cost of training a first-class pilot is averaged out with three other boys in the

L.D.V.s Want To Know—

DO WE SALUTE?

WHAT are the ranks of L.D.V. officers and N.C.O.s and how will they be recognised? What is the lowest rank that will be paid the compliments given to a Regular Army officer?

ANSWER: L.D.V. ranks consist of commanders of battalions, companies, platoons, groups, and sections, with their deputies. They will have "bars" on their shoulder, and possibly distinctive badges when these are issued. There is no ruling about salutes etc. It is left to commanders to make their own rules.

WHY have no gants yet been made to the L.D.V.s? Does the Government realise that men who, after their day's work, are giving hard-earned leisure willingly to the nation's defence are paying for it out of their own pockets?

ANSWER: Yes, the Government does. The point is the Home Guard consists of volunteers of whom it is expected that they will be willing to pay their own out-of-pocket expenses for a cup of tea in the middle of the night or a snack if they need it.

Men who have to use their own money to get a mileage allowance according to h.p. 3d a mile for over 10 h.p. and extra petrol coupons.

But the question of a grant to the L.D.V.s for general purposes is being looked into.

learning stages. Between them they may write-off two trainer aircraft. It may be more.

On the same principle it costs £5,000 to produce a good air gunner, radio operator or navigator. So a bomber, costing £30,000, with two pilots and three other crew, means a capital outlay of £65,000. When the bomber costs only £20,000, as many do, the whole is valued at £55,000.

Fighters are cheaper. The pilot still costs £10,000, but he is alone in the cockpit, and with the price of the plane about £7,500 the total is £17,500.

STAKING all on numbers, the Nazis don't attempt to train their men so carefully. Cheap machines and quickly versed air crews, please, they say.

That is why the German air crews captured in the last few weeks average only twenty years of age. Compare them with the R.A.F. boys who feature in the news. Ninety per cent. of them joined the service long before the war. Boys I know called from the reserve last September—good boys, too—are still waiting for an action.

Painstaking, and a little slow, perhaps, but as Dowding knows so well—when his planes do go into fight his men have got those two big M's and half the battle won.

With them Britain needs no equality in numbers to be equal to or even superior to Marshal Goering's air force.

WHERE FRENCH GENERALS FAILED

INFORMATION from French sources confirms the impression that whereas the Germans have greatly developed the art of war, and in particular have thought out replies to their own tactics of defence in depth, the French had stood still or actually deteriorated in tactics since 1918.

Attack, defence, use of artillery, reconnaissance—in every field, according to these French criticisms, was to be found a lack of imagination, initiative, and even energy, which a certain inferiority in equipment appeared to justify only in a minor degree.

This information is of particular interest as it deals with sectors in which the Germans did not employ tanks, most of what has been published having been on the subject of tank tactics.

As might be expected, the Germans prepared their attacks by careful air and ground observation; where they brought novelty to this task was in the boldness of their listening posts, who sometimes connected telephone cable to that of the French, and of their reconnoitring patrols, who studied possible channels for future infiltration and learned the dispositions and habits of the defence.

Infiltration began the night before the attack, patrols of three men with a light machine-gun passing between the French posts by the passages previously reconnoitred.

At dawn the artillery opened an intense bombardment lasting several hours, during which the elements of infiltration penetrated the front system, both lateral and from front to rear, was cut.

The fire of the light machine-guns which took the French posts on flank and even in rear gave the garrisons the impression that neighbouring units had been driven back and that they themselves were surrounded. If they then fell back, the elements of infiltration followed and harassed them.

If, on the other hand, they continued to hold their ground, an attack in force was launched. On a given signal the artillery lengthened range and the assault troops advanced in dense formations without even troubling to make use of ground, while the elements of infiltration endeavoured to make the defenders keep their heads down.

The attackers, following their principle of 1918, flowed through the gaps, but halted in front of points of resistance.

In these circumstances the French garrisons of the strong points often retired to avoid being surrounded. Those which continued to resist were reduced to incendiary by mortar fire, generally incendiary if the centre of resistance was a village. It was found that in practice these centres of resistance had little effect in holding up the forward flow of the attack through the gaps.

To some French officers it appeared that they had been betrayed by the dogma of defence in depth, and that a continuous line, however weakly held, would have served them better. "From the point of view of morale," it is stated, "soldiers inevitably fight better when they know that there are no gaps on their right or left."

But the same observer has just been telling us how admirably the Germans fought

when there were gaps, huge gaps, on either flank.

This argument, indeed, falls to the ground when we are further informed that a continuous line would serve only against infantry attack and that against tanks dispositions should always be in depth.

How is the defence to know that tanks have not been brought up during the night? No, whatever system be adopted, it must serve equally well against either tanks or infantry. It seems, indeed, that the French did not fully comprehend the German tactics which they strove to imitate.

Though their defence is zonal, not linear, the Germans have always recognised that there must be a line somewhere to check infiltration, to protect the artillery, to serve as a rallying position, to act as the objective of counter-attack, and if possible to provide an anti-tank barrier. This line was found in 1917 and 1918 in the Hindenburg Line or its equivalent; it was represented in 1939-40 in the "main fighting line" of the West Wall.

In the latter case it consisted of concrete anti-tank obstacles, iron chevaux de frise of which some sections hung to the tank and were carried along with it, and of a tank ditch. In open warfare a line of this sort would have to be improvised and would not be nearly so strong, but it would always exist.

Everything in front of that main fighting line formed the outpost zone. This also was protected, but only by the barbed-wire fence so familiar in the last War.

Hostile infiltration into this zone did not amount to anything very serious, but even that could be checked by the active patrolling of the outpost battalion.

It is an admission of weakness and lack of initiative if it be taken for granted that hostile patrols of three men are at liberty to prowl about the outpost zone as though they owned it while the garrison sits in its strong points, which in such a scheme of defence belie their name.

Were such tactics to be practised against Australian troops holding a similar sector they would be pleased by the heaven-sent opportunity to collect prisoners without trouble.

The reasons for the German success in the instances recorded are to be found not only in their own boldness and skill but also in the inertia of the French, which is summed up in the sentence: "The French defence was purely static and passive."

We also learn that neither in platoons, battalions, nor regiments were resources available for counter-attack when the enemy had succeeded in penetrating the defensive position.

The reason is doubtless to be found in the widely extended fronts held by French regiments in the Battle of France, but it is fatal not to retain some reserve, however weak the effective. It is also reported that the French either had no flares or did not use them.

The Germans, as always, employed them profusely. In broad daylight the elements of infiltration signalled their progress with white flares and by night whole German fronts recalled a display of fireworks.

It is stated that in the counter-offensive the French made no attempt to carry out infiltration either before or during the assault. Their conception of an infantry attack, when no tanks were available, was a simultaneous and continuous advance on the whole front by all the attacking forces.

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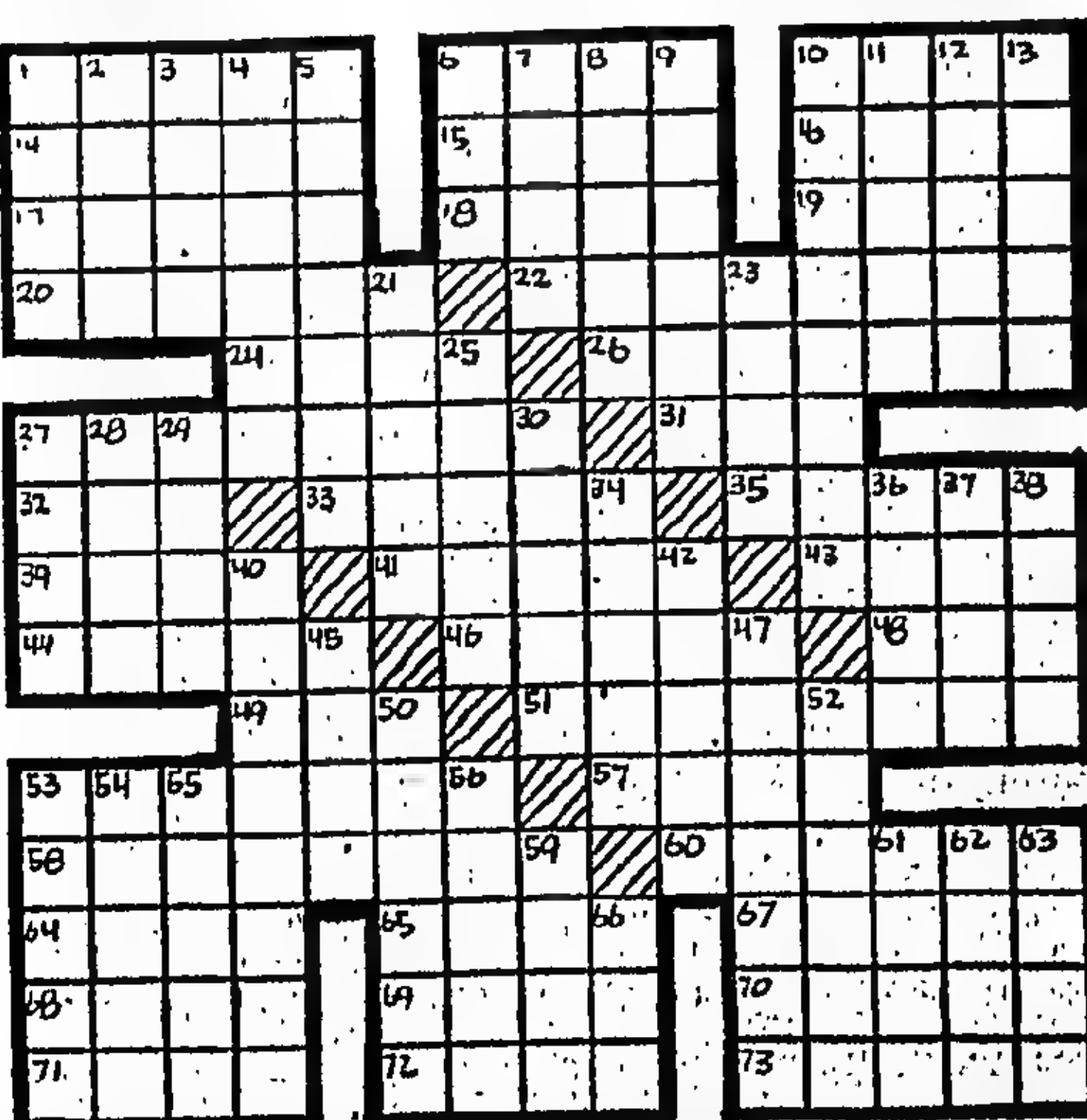
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| 1—Tenthian rulers | BARBARIC | 1—Arcton river |
| 2—Cancer | EMERALD | 2—Law out |
| 3—Old womanish | TAILORED | 3—Last union |
| 4—Harcass bar | ADDI | 4—Arctic |
| 5—Turtled prince | ARWANA | 5—Inclined roadway |
| 6—Temptant | THE RASLE | 6—Arctic rulers |
| 7—Man's name | NEE | 7—Arctic ruler game |
| 8—South American | COLA | 8—Paros deposed |
| 9—Robert | ROGER | 9—Arctic |
| 10—Supper | ONE ROW | 10—Burst aneurysm |
| 11—Those under one's | TOE | 11—Vaccine |
| 12—Proton | BEFORE | 12—Vaccine |
| 13—Middle of March | TOE | 13—Op of love |
| 14—April | TOE | 14—Vaccine |
| 15—Secret | TOE | 15—Op of love |
| 16—Ass (French) | TOE | 16—Vaccine |
| 17—Side of cup | TOE | 17—Op of love |
| 18—Hand bill | TOE | 18—Vaccine |
| 19—Come in | TOE | 19—Op of love |
| 20—Human post | TOE | 20—Vaccine |
| 21—Napoleon's brother-in-law | TOE | 21—Op of love |
| 22—Allowance for | TOE | 22—Vaccine |
| 23—Buried | TOE | 23—Op of love |
| 24—Truth | TOE | 24—Vaccine |
| 25—Personification of | TOE | 25—Op of love |
| 26—Card game | TOE | 26—Vaccine |
| 27—Chosen | TOE | 27—Op of love |
| 28—Cigarette | TOE | 28—Vaccine |
| 29—Anger | TOE | 29—Op of love |
| 30—Expository | TOE | 30—Vaccine |
| 31—Compassion marks | TOE | 31—Op of love |
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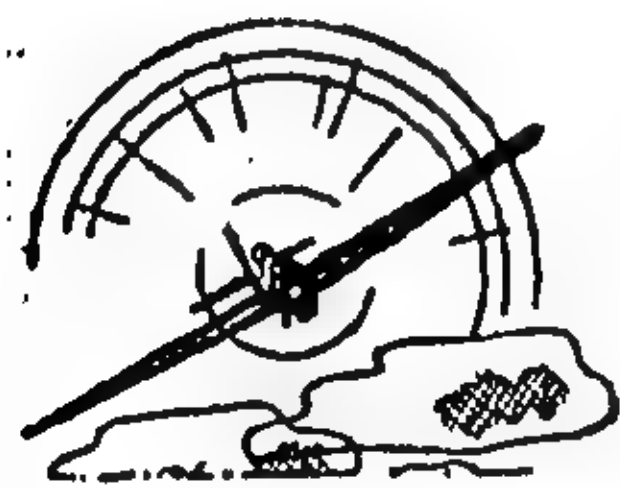
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Mr. Winston Churchill

Mr. Churchill has lived an adven-
turous life as war correspondent,
soldier, student of military history,
experienced publicist, Cabinet
minister, and man of letters. He
belongs to a fairly old family. His
great ancestor, John Churchill, was
one of England's most famous soldiers
in the time of the late Stuarts, and
he himself is now undoubtedly the
man of the hour with a mighty re-
sponsibility resting on his shoulders.
A few years ago he wrote a book
under the title of "Great Contemporaries,"
in which he sketched the
characters and careers of some
twenty outstanding men who
have been leading figures in the
public life of Europe, and all this
appreciation of his contemporaries,
illuminating as it is, brings to light
with even greater brilliance the
character of Mr. Churchill himself.
That Mr. Churchill has a natural
genius for friendship and a spontane-
ous readiness to acknowledge what
he owes to his friends is clearly seen
in these sketches, and there is per-
haps no better way of bringing out
this feature of his character than
by quoting a few extracts from his
comments upon the persons whose
portraits he has drawn.

In his view, Bernard Shaw is
"saint, sage, and clown," and "the
greatest living master of letters in
the English-speaking world." He is
of opinion that Joseph Chamberlain
"revived in the Tory party the in-
spiration of Disraeli, and made the
world-spread peoples of the British
Empire realize that they were one,
and that their future lay in acting
on this knowledge." Of Sir John
French he says that "the advance
of the British Army across the Marne
under French's orders decided the
immense battle which saved Paris." He
pronounces this to be "one of the
greatest military events in all
history," and says that Sir John is
entitled to his share of the glory.
John Morley was one of his older
contemporaries, the representative
of great doctors, an actor in his
toric controversies, a master of
English prose, a statesman-author, a
repository of vast knowledge in ul-
most every subject of practical in-
terest. Of Asquith's opinion he
says that, in the prime of his life
"they were cut in bronze, and vast
knowledge, faithful industry, deep
thought were embodied in his na-
ture." Lawrence of Arabia had "a
full measure of the versatility of
genius. He was a savant as well as
a soldier, an archaeologist as well as
a man of action, an accomplished
scholar as well as an Arab partisan,
a mechanic as well as a philosopher." He
greatly admired Earl Balfour as
"a sincere patriot, a wise, grave,
sober-minded statesman, a truly
great jurist, a scholar of high attain-
ments, and a gay, brilliant, loyal,
lovable being."

He has something to say about
several foreigners, including Foch,
Clemenceau, Alphonse and Trotsky.
Of the first mentioned he says this:
"The valour of his spirit and the
shrewd sagacity of his judgment
placed him in the highest order. Fortune
lighted his crest." Of the last-men-
tioned he remarks that he was "am-
bitious and ambitious in quite a
common worldly way. All the col-
lectivism in the world could not
rid him of an egoism which amount-
ed to a disease."
Coming back to his own people,
Mr. Churchill treats of Earl Haig,
Arthur Balfour, Curzon, and Snow-
den in a sympathetic and pleasant
manner. Haig's "character and con-

THE DUKE OF

HIS Majesty the King has
been pleased to appoint His
Royal Highness, the Duke of
Windsor, to be Governor and
Commander in Chief of the
Bahama Islands," reads the of-
ficial announcement.

This appointment to one of
the lesser governorships under
patronage of the Crown involves
no loss of prestige for the
former King of England, for
this seemingly insignificant post
has become one of the most im-
portant in the Empire, in the
shadow of present-day British
events and eventualities.

This is specifically true in the
case of the Duke of Windsor
who, for a generation at least,
has been Britain's Number One
lialson figure. As the Prince of
Wales during the First World
War and after, Edward won the
popular affection of many
Americans. The Duke of Wind-
sor is a "good mixer," perhaps
the best that England ever had
and the friendliness of the
United States must be kept in
a fluid and fluent condition.

Furthermore, the appointment
of the Duke of Windsor as a
Colonial Governor, marks begin-
ning of a \$280,000,000 British
colonial development and well-
fare programme, decided upon
just before the outbreak of the
present war.

The arrival of the Duke and
Duchess in Nassau will be the
first visit in the Western Hemis-
phere since the King abdicated.

The reciprocal feeling between
America and England is further-
ed by the near proximity of the
Bahamas. It is just a ferry
trip overnight. Twice a day a
plane flies between Miami and
Nassau, making the trip in a
couple of hours.

The Duke of Windsor will
govern an enormous area, for
the Bahamas comprise 3,000
islands, islets and cays, stretch-
ing out for some 700 miles along
the Florida shore. Spanish
owners by discovery made no
use of the islands.

Ponce de Leon began the
romantic tradition of the Ba-
hamas that the Windsors are
continuing, by twice traversing
them in search of the Fountain
of Youth, just after his dis-
covery of Florida. Some 170
years elapsed before a settle-
ment was made by Europeans.

Another Englishman, Captain
Sayles, in 1667, sought shelter
in a beautiful harbour of one of
the larger islands. He called
the island, Providence, for it

afforded him shelter in his hour
of need. In time, this became
the harbour of Nassau, the pre-
sent capital of the archipelago
and the seat of the Royal
Governor.

The name of the island was
later changed to New Provi-
dence, to distinguish it from
the New England Colony city.
Spain resented this invasion of
territory that she had not
thought worth occupying. She

descended on New Providence
and slew every inhabitant.

During the following 50 years,
the Bahamas served only as a
hideout for pirates and bucca-
neers. They began by assault-
ing the Spanish galleons loaded
with gold and silver fished
from the American aborigines.

The treasure ships came
directly from the Spanish Main
and Panama, and, like modern
shipping, had to pass somewhere
among the hundreds of Bahama
islands.

While the Bahamas have not
known actual warfare, they have
more than once benefited by
the incidents of strife. Ameri-
can Loyalists fled from the
Southern Colonies when the
Declaration of Independence was
made. They brought with them
their retinues of slaves and to-
gether may be said to represent
the ancestry of a considerable

proportion of the inhabitants,
thus making Americans cousins
in a left-handed sort of way.

From the sea, the low island
of Nassau, whose surface never
rises much over a hundred feet,
looks like a green strip of sea-
weed floating in a deep blue sea,
outlined by a lacy collar of foam
where an angry surf is always
breaking.

The undergrowth along shore
seems a trifle scrubby after
other tropical sensescapes, prob-
ably owing to the thin coat of
soil covering the windswept
backbone of the island.

There will be nothing to re-
mind the new Governor of the
hills rising high above the
Riviera and the stony coasts of
Spain and Portugal where they
have sojourned so long. Wild
peacocks, century plants, dusty
flame trees with brown pods
hanging almost within reach,
and dwarf green bay trees bor-
der the roadway on the drive
into the town.

Glimmering villas of black na-
tives with tanks on the roofs to

This main thoroughfare leads
straight through the Capital city. It
is a captivating, at least to those who
like tinted engravings of a village
street "way down East," for example.

There are rambling stores
with antiquated show-windows
piled with curious assortments
of all they carry, with antique
clerks—when they are not
coloured—wearing choker col-
lars, showing their Adam's
apple, some with mutton chop
whiskers.

Boney nags hitched to carryalls,
buggies and buckboards with an as-
sortment of Fords of various vintages
stand along the sidewalks. Negroes
lounging at every corner. And there
are many shops that are strictly the
outgrowth of tourist traffic. True, at
either end of this somewhat colonial
setting, they might have seen from
the sea two great hotels, one ancient
of days, the other the last word in
swank.

The procession moves on up
George Street—named after one of
Edward's illustrious ancestors—to
the top of Mount Fitzwilliam, where
stands Government House. Sur-
rounded by its 18-acre park, it is a
striking edifice.

Here again, is the ubiquitous touch
of America, in the form of a statue
modelled according to instructions
from Washington Irving. A bucca-
neer wearing a slouch hat at a rakish

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catch the precious rainwater,
will be decorated with bunting
to welcome the Duke and
Duchess.

The old forts just outside the city
of Nassau will feebly remind him of
the outworks of the Empire. They
enter Nassau via a meandering street,
past quaint four-square houses of
white all with elaborate green shut-
ters and copies of Boughnivilia and
hedges of hibiscus. At Bay Street,
they find the majority of the 70,000
population of their entire domain
waiting for them. There are 25
black people to one white person.

angle and a logo. It is labelled,
"Christopher Columbus."

Doubtless the presence of a
royal couple at Government
House in Nassau will add to the
attractions of that winter re-
sort. It will certainly be a boon
to tourist traffic.

It may bring many noted visitors
and bring new ties that may add to
the prestige of Britain. It may turn
an unfavourable trade balance into
an asset for the first time in decades.
But what will all this mean to the
Duke and Duchess of Windsor?

In point of honour, it is a very
minor job. In the British Empire,
usually offered to an older public
figure who has won retirement to
bask his remaining days as a figure-
head in the tropical sun. Naming
the Duke of Windsor as "Commander
in Chief"—as well as Governor—
signifies that he will be Commander
in Chief of local defence.

As Governor, the Duke will con-
trol less than 50 inhabited and some
2,950 uninhabited islands. The cus-
tomary governor's yearly salary is
\$10,000. He will be assisted by an
Executive Council of nine and a Re-
presentative Assembly of 29. The
real job seems to be that in which
all countries are now engaged—try-
ing to balance the budget, and only
piling up a deficit.

In 1938, imports exceeded \$4,000,-
000, and exports were around \$700,-
000. Government revenues were
\$28,278 pounds sterling; expenditures,
\$40,274 pounds. In this War Year
of 1940, the figures are not expected
to be anything like so mildly un-
favourable.

When he isn't working on the
Budget, how will the Duke and
Duchess fare for entertainment
and amusement to which they
have been for so long accus-
tomed? During the winter, there
no doubt will be given some
splendid routs at Government
House.

And during the season, Paradise
Beach on Hog Island is no less gay
than the Lido used to be. There is
shooting and fishing, all over the
islands and islets. The Colonial
Hotel was never a slouch at doing
the right thing up brown.

Occasionally, perhaps, one may
find the Duke and Duchess strolling
about quaint Nassau, pausing to rest
beneath the broad shade of the
great silk-cotton tree where the
buccaneers are said to have bartered,
and a hundred Negroes will rise and
bow to them.

They too may climb Queen's Stair-
case of a hundred steps and visit
Fort Fincastle carved out of solid
rock. They may linger at the Tele-
phone Exchange, looking the exact
spot where the old Slave Auction
block used to stand, when it was
called Vendue House.

They will surely visit the Sponge
Market, whence comes the island's
principal income and the meat mar-
ket where the coloured martians are
offering a hundred articles of dyed
fibre. Just a short walk for an-
other look into the Sea Gardens
perhaps and then finally they may
drop into the old prison that is now
the Public Library.

It all seems trivial somehow from
some peoples' point of view. But
not if the Duke of Windsor intends
to play the part of Britain's Goodwill
Envoy to the Western Hemisphere.
"The Times" of London remarks,
"The West Indies as a whole may
well receive the news of the appoint-
ment of the Duke of Windsor as full
of welcome significance, at a time
when events in Europe, and the
friendly interest of their great neigh-
bour in the north, have demonstrated
their high importance in the inter-
national reckoning."

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"That's the boss' son . . . starting at the bottom!"

WHERE ELSE CAN JAPAN GET OIL?

JAPAN is in desperate need
of oil. At the moment when,
to quote her Foreign Minister,
Japan is "confronted with a trial

duct as soldier and subject will long
serve as an example to all." Of the
second he promises that "when I go
to Heaven I shall try to arrange a
chat between him and Socrates on
some subject not too reconcile for me
to follow." He quotes a few say-
ings from his private shelf of Bal-
fouriana. "Asquith's lucidity of style
is a positive disadvantage when he
has nothing to say." Again, Mr.
Churchill remarks that he has found
it helpful, "when pessimists are
prating," to remember that Balfour
said: "This is a singularly ill-
contrived world, but not so ill-con-
trived as that." When he visited
Balfour during the last months of
the latter's life he "saw with grief
the approaching departure of a being
high uplifted above the common run."
As I observed him regarding with
calm, firm and cheerful gaze the ap-
proach of Death, I felt how foolish
Balfour was to make such a fuss
about an event so natural and so
indispensable to mankind."

There is space for a comment upon
a great personage. Of the late King
George V. Mr. Churchill had this to
say: "In harness to the last he
left behind him an example and an
impulsion to all concerned in the
government of men." This series of
portraits certainly furnishes an in-
sight into the character and qualities
of the artist himself.

such as she has never before
experienced in her history," Presi-
dent Roosevelt slams down his
ban on the export of aviation
spirit to countries outside the
Western Hemisphere.

To carry on her war with China,
and without embarking upon further
adventures, Japan requires some
5,500,000 tons of oil a year.

Up till now the United States
has been supplying four-fifths of that
amount. About 1,000,000 tons a year
has come from the Dutch East Indies.

But it is unlikely that Japan's
present war effort will be appreciably
retarded as a consequence of the
United States' ban, because the Presi-
dent's decree concerns only aviation
spirit. There is no ban, as yet, on
crude oil exports.

Japan's imports of high-grade avia-
tion spirit, refined and ready for use,
have never been considerable. In
fact, those imports have been less
than one per cent. of her total oil
requirements.

In the first nine months of the
present war Japan imported 289,000
barrels of aviation spirit from the
United States. Britain's imports were
443,000 barrels.

But there is no doubt that if Japan
embarked upon a new adventure,
necessitating a vastly increased con-
sumption of aviation spirit, she
would need a much greater quantity
of high-grade oil.

AND so the men in power in Japan
in her hour of destiny are faced
with the alternative of attempting to
obtain aviation spirit from sources

other than those controlled by the
United States or immediately re-
organising Japan's own refining in-
dustry to step up production.

Russia, world's second largest oil
producer, could help Japan.

Spain, in the Kremlin is hardly
likely to smile on Russia's old enemy,
which leaves the Dutch East In-
dies, fifth among the oil-producing
countries of the world.

More than ever now Japan will
look with longing eyes at those
wealthy islands beyond the China
Sea, strung like beads along the
Equator, which supply nearly three
per cent. of the world's oil produc-
tion—2,000,000 barrels more than the
total oil output of Rumania.

Refineries serve all the producing
fields in the Dutch East Indies.
These are capable of supplying
Japan with the aviation spirit she
has up till now obtained from the
United States.

Japan, who stands twentieth in
the list of oil-producing countries,
has for some time past been making
desperate efforts to provide for the
long-foreseen oil shortage. Back in
1934 a law was passed requiring all
importers to keep in storage an
amount of petroleum equal to one-
half of their annual imports.

Intensive and expensive efforts
have been made to produce oil from
coal.

But Japan's immediate problem
now would seem to be to extend and
accelerate her refining plants, so that
imported crude oil can be converted
into the highly refined "knock-free"
aviation spirit.

Froom Tyler

New Japanese Demands Officially Reported INDO-CHINA SITUATION TAKES TURN FOR WORSE

Special to the "Telegraph"

THE SITUATION in French Indo-China has taken a sudden turn for the worse.

It is officially announced in Hanoi that the Japanese have presented new demands.

These demands, says an official French communique, are "incompatible with the instructions received from Vichy and the previous agreement."

Negotiations are continuing but, the communique adds, they have now reached a delicate phase.

"United Press" reported from Hanoi early this morning that the situation had become critical.

Mission Leaves

The Japanese Mission is departing from Hanoi, leading to the belief that the negotiations had been suspended.

Major General Nishihara, leader of the Mission, has paid a farewell call on Vice-Admiral Decoux, the Governor General.

Four hundred Japanese civilians have been ordered to evacuate Hanoi and will leave for Haiphong this morning by a special train. They will board three Japanese ships at Haiphong.

Four and a half tons of Japanese baggage left Hanoi for Haiphong last night.

Serious Situation Admitted

The seriousness of the situation was admitted in Vichy last night by M. Baudouin, the French Foreign Minister, who told American correspondents that France had been forced to be realistic because, although Washington had been kept fully informed of the situation, the United States had promised nothing more than a formal protest to Tokyo if Indo China were attacked.

"Japan is such a tremendous power in the Far East to-day that verbal protests would be insufficient," M. Baudouin said.

"Negotiation will undoubtedly preserve French sovereignty in Indo China, but Japan will get a preferential market there."

"It would be foolish for France in her present position, to try and enforce a French monopoly of that market or to try to overlook the Japanese fleet."

Single-Handed

"France is single-handed in the Far East. We have only small military naval and air forces there. Britain has withdrawn her military forces from Hongkong and Singapore and the United States has declined to give us any military support in preserving the status quo in Indo China."

"At the same time, France will use all the force allowed by the atmosphere of the convention to assure her integrity by fighting those forces who make demands."

"The same determination to preserve the French Empire will guide France in her refusal to meet the last-minute demands by Japan for territorial concessions among the Mekong River islands. The same determination will stimulate France's insistence on full respect for her sovereignty in the Indo-Chinese negotiations at Hanoi."

Decoux To Call Bluff?

Another "United Press" message from Hanoi, received at 9.30 a.m. quotes informed circles there as believing that Vice-Admiral Decoux has called Japan's bluff.

It is understood that the members of the Japanese Mission have been quibbling among themselves because, it is alleged, Tokyo has not yet agreed to support any show of force.

DANCE RECITAL FOR CHARITY

Under the patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt. General E. F. Norton, who has kindly consented to be present, a Dance Recital will be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Friday evening, October 18, at 9.30 p.m. The performance is sponsored by the China Defence League, of which Madame Sun Yat-sen is Chairman, and the proceeds will be in aid of Chinese War Orphans.

Star performer of the evening will be the well-known Chinese dancer, Miss Ai-Lien Tai, formerly with the Ballets Jooss in England, who will present several original dances, both Western and Chinese, including one specially composed for the occasion. Miss Tai will be supported by a string orchestra of local musicians under the direction of Mr. J. R. M. Smith, and the evening should provide a very novel and interesting programme.

Tickets will be on sale shortly at the Peninsula Hotel, at the Anderson Music Company, and at several other addresses to be announced.

DONATION FOR PLANES

Istanbul, Sept. 19. The British Colony has started a fund to provide two fighter planes for the Royal Air Force. The fund reached £5,000 within a few hours. —Reuter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The War Fund inaugurated by the South China Morning Post, Ltd., out of which British fighting aircraft are to be purchased (mainly bombers) received a great help yesterday with one of the largest amounts donated for a long time. It will be recalled that soon after the Fund was commenced, many Hongkong firms donated large sums, and the Hongkong and Yau Ma Tei Ferry Company have now contributed \$20,000, a truly an encouraging instance of support from one of the big local Chinese organisations. With an additional, an anonymous donation of \$1,000, and other welcome subscriptions, a total of \$134,088.63 was reached yesterday by the Fund. The latest donations are:

The Hongkong and Yau Ma Tei Ferry Co., Ltd. (H.K. and Y.M.T.F.) \$20,000
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"The Family" (H.K. and Y.M.T.F.) 500
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. D. in memory of the late Mrs. Stanford Smith \$500
"Two Feller Party" 50
John Fatt (and donation) 50

King and Queen Talk To Air Raid Victims

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Standing amid a scene of devastation near wrecked houses which had received a direct hit from a bomb, the King and Queen to-day talked to men and women who had marvellous escapes from death.

This occurred during a tour of three districts in London which have received bad bomb damage.

Looking around at the destruction, in the middle of which were two unharmed Anderson shelters, the King remarked, "These Anderson shelters are wonderful."

He and the Queen listened while the survivors, who had been in the shelters when the bomb fell only a few yards from them, told their Majesties of their escapes.

Weather & Fear Of R.A.F. Stop Raiders

Special to the "Telegraph"

High winds, rain and scattered clouds offered unfavourable conditions for Nazi raiders yesterday, reveal "United Press" messages from London, and in consequence the London area had only one brief raid alarm up to 6 o'clock in the evening.

Dover reported at 5 o'clock that there was a high wind, choppy seas, and scattered high and low clouds. There had been some rain earlier in the day, and although an enemy raider was spotted, it was seen to dump its bombs in the sea before turning back to the French coast.

West End Damage

A tour of the West End of London has revealed the extensive damage sustained in recent raids.

The new areas damaged include the forecourt of the British Museum where a small bomb fell. There are three huge craters in the street near the Japanese Embassy, while a single heavy bomb made a big crater in the courtyard of the Wallace Collection in Manchester Square.

A high explosive bomb shattered three storeys of Peter Robinson's, the well-known departmental store in Oxford Circus, while the blast from a bomb in Regent Street damaged the roof of the Piccadilly Hotel. Another bomb knocked off the southeast turret of the Records Office.

It is also revealed that the headquarters of the London County Council Hall was damaged in a recent raid.

Mr. Charles Latham, leader of the Council, declared: "Although the fabric of the Council Hall received some damage I want to assure the public that the London civil defences and other services are being maintained."

Somerset House Damaged
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—From to-day parts of Somerset House, which is recently damaged by a bomb, are closed and staffs are being evacuated to North England.

CHELSEA ROYAL HOSPITAL HIT
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—It was revealed to-day that the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, where old soldiers and picturesque Chelsea pensioners live, was hit by bombs in a recent raid.

Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War, said to-day that a number of incendiary bombs fell on the building.

The old pensioners helped the staff to deal with them. Some of the men over 80 years of age were restrained with difficulty from taking part in the work and had to be literally ordered back to their shelters.

This conduct is an inspiration to their young comrades in the army to-day, Lord Croft commented.

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It is learned that three of these four had been forced to land on the Turkish coast as the result of damage sustained by naval guns of the British escort.

Treatment Of Aliens

Commons Statement

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Before going into secret session to-day, the House of Commons had the customary hour of questions and answers.

Sir John Anderson, as the most questioned Minister, agreed that a liberal policy of exemption from the Aliens Act restrictions should be followed in respect to citizens of the United States.

He added that steps had been taken to this end.

Questioned regarding internees, Sir John indicated that the Government's policy was not to intern Italians with 20 years' residence in Britain provided that nothing unfavourable was known.

German and Austrian
Regarding German and Austrian, the Home Secretary declared that it was in many cases more difficult to feel confidence in those with long residence than those who had come more recently as refugees.

The general policy of releasing those with long residence against whom nothing was known could not be justified although there were individual cases in which long residence could be properly treated as a factor to be taken into account when application was made for release.

Japanese Cabinet Meets At Palace
TOKYO, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Cabinet Ministers and Service Chiefs conferred for three hours at the Imperial Palace in the presence of the Emperor this afternoon.

A communique issued by the Secretary of the Cabinet says that "important affairs of state" were discussed.

The conference was attended by the Prime Minister, the War and Navy Ministers, the Foreign Minister, the Finance Minister, the Chiefs and Vice-Chiefs of the Army and Navy General Staffs, and the President of the Cabinet Planning Board.

Internment Camp Shooting Protests
CHUNGKING, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office has protested to the British and United States Embassies at the shooting in the internment camp of the Shanghai International Settlement and is demanding the punishment of those responsible and assurance of a non-recurrence of similar incidents in future.

The Foreign Office is also reserving all rights and claims.

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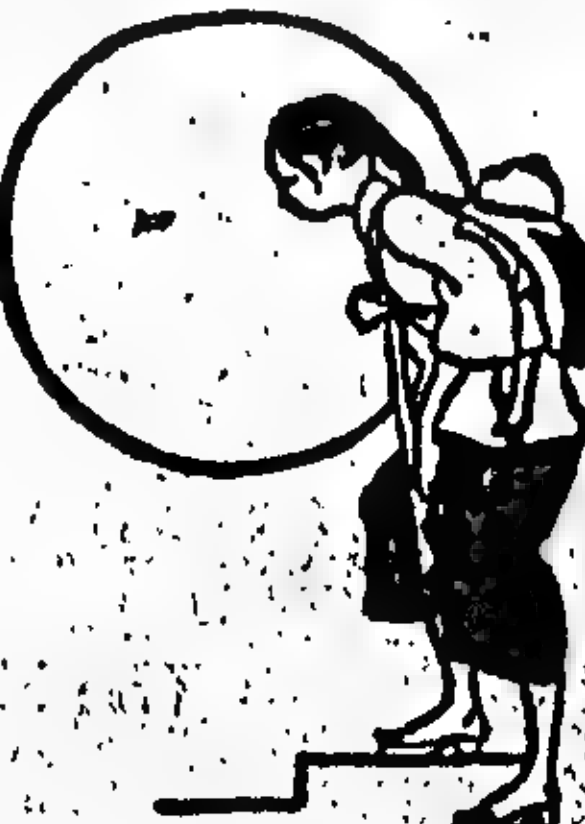
\$32,000 in 1940 to meet the increasing needs of sick and destitute children in Hongkong, against which income to date is \$27,000 only.

In order to continue its work, The Society appeals for the balance of \$5,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October.

The Society now administers to over 3,000 children at eight Centres and, in addition, supports 24 children at various institutions and 60 babies at its Creche.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

RACING RE-STARTS AT THE VALLEY TO-MORROW

Charlie Encarnacao Absent From Colony: V.V. Needa On Holiday In Shanghai

AFTER A LAPSE of over three months, Happy Valley will again be the meeting place of all lovers of horse-flesh to-morrow, the opening of the second half of the racing season under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club. First saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., the rising of the curtain being at two o'clock for the event to be ridden by novices.

Owing to general evacuation, the absence of all the feminine sporting celebrities with their best "Sunday frocks" (parading up and down the lawns) will be much felt and there is no doubt that there will be many empty seats in the private boxes.

Racing fans, I am sure, have been patiently waiting for the resumption of the extra race meetings, but it is obviously not to be expected that all the jockeys will be running up to best form after the few weeks' holiday in the pastures.

As predicted there were a few "chance" gallops on Saturday but a few of the "chance" gallops were not too fast. However, a programme of extra races will be presented to the racing public and we are assured of a good day.

Absent Jockeys

FOLLOWERS of Charlie Encarnacao will not see him in the saddle, for he has said good-bye to Hongkong (returned to Shanghai for good) and "Billy" Poy will be looking after the string of ponies owned by the opulent owner, Mr. Ho Tong-sen.

"Vic" Needa is holidaying in Shanghai and whether he will be back in time for to-morrow's racing is a matter for conjecture. The "tailor" jockey, Benny Proud, will be seen in action for a couple of races, but his mesquite jockey, Donald Black, will have his hands full.

The return of K. I. to the saddle will be an addition to the list of experienced riders, and so will K. W. Fung to the apprentice class. Trevorton has accepted several mounts and he requires only one success to become a "full blown" jockey.

The introduction of a new standard whip (length not to exceed 24 inches) and also special

Aussie's Autumn Plate

Far View Not Nominated For Main Event

AS ANTICIPATED Far View has not been nominated for the main event, the Australian Ponies' Autumn Plate for subscription ponies of this season over the champion course, but Sapper is among the list of entries.

Junk Bay H'cap

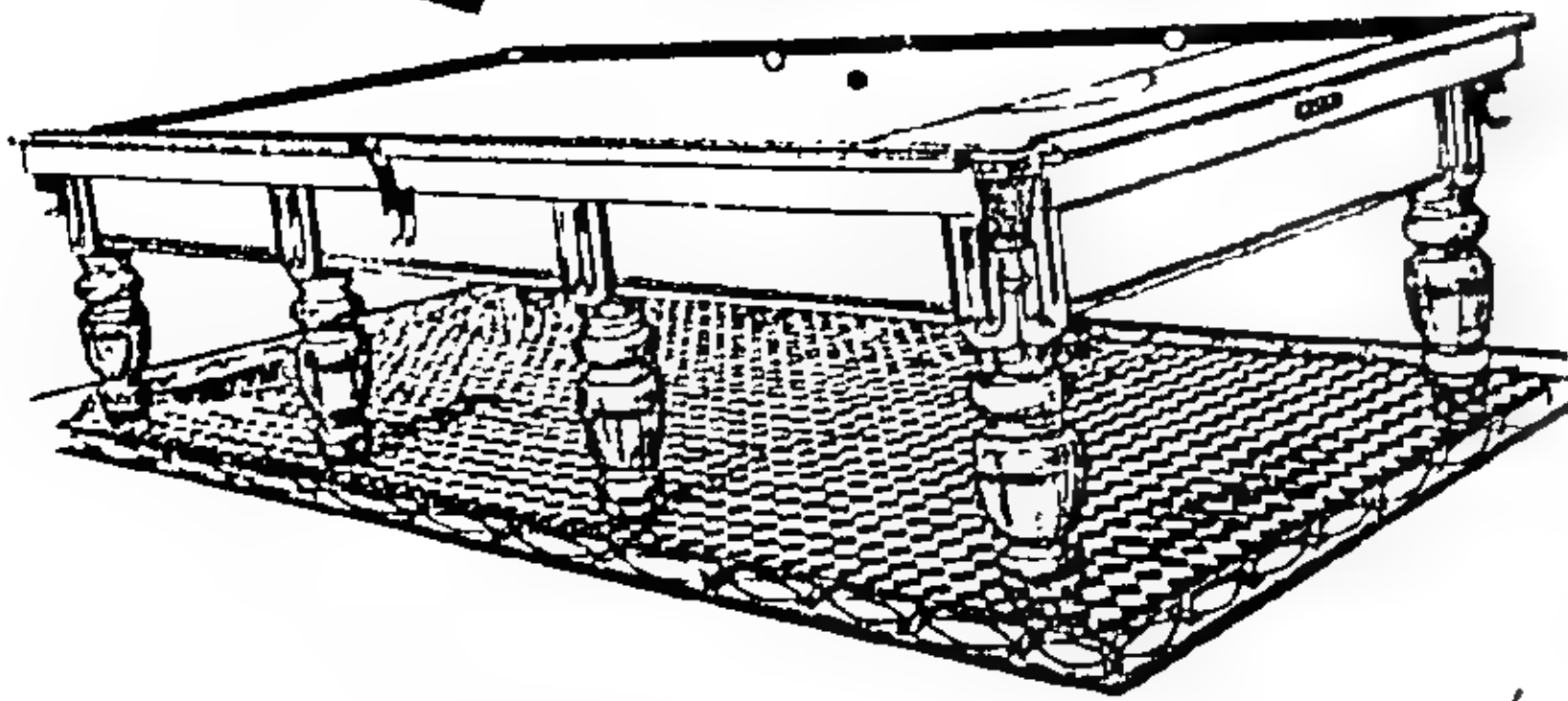
FINAL EVENT FOR NOVICES

THE MEETING will terminate with a novice event in the second section of the Junk Bay Handicap for "B" class China ponies.

By virtue of his win in Macao last Sunday, Double Chance has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. The extra lead should not worry him, but can the dam be relied upon to provide a carbon copy of his Macao run? Double Chance, a sub-griffin of 1935 class, has had a good measure of success, but the constant letting down does not appeal to punters. Fel Ying and Gok Gok should fill the minor positions.

spurs will come into force to-morrow. The "spotting box" will be used for the first time.

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Vaucluse Handicap

Anything May Happen In Fast Field Of 26

SHORTAGE OF JOCKEYS

THE BEST EVENT of the afternoon will be the Vaucluse Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies, and the sprint over six furlongs has attracted no less than 26 entries. I doubt if there are enough jockeys to go round, and it appears to me that a few owners will be left in the lurch.

There are several speedy merchants in this short distance event and anything may happen.

With the rails removed forward the grass track has been narrowed by at least eight feet, and a lot therefore depends upon the position of the draw. On the book I relied upon the one and furthermore the bay mare is in fine fettle. She was given a good up over six furlongs last Wednesday, and the mare certainly pleased the stable John Peel.

EXCELLENT RUN

THE trip was covered in 1.25.4, aumping home in 27.4 seconds for the last two furlongs and the lady seemed to love the jump.

This, of course, does not mean to convey that she is going to have an easy passage, for it is certain that strong opposition is sure to come from A. Great Time, Fair Chance, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Rowan, Sydney and Victory. The last named is to be ridden by Donald Black who does not require any introduction. Sea Jay is nicely weighted, and she has a good sporting chance as an outsider.

Gosford Handicap

Well-Balanced Weights Among Choice Of Four

SAPPER STALE?

I HAD a fancy for Connie who would give Sapper and Australian Diamond a good run for the money, but I am afraid that the mare has gone stale. Within a week she had two really fast gallops and in my frank opinion one "dress rehearsal" was more than enough.

On September 11, Connie was given a sharp mile in 1.55 and last Saturday she registered two minutes flat for the same distance. However, let us hope that she will be in the limelight.

Kowloon Chess Club Annual Meeting

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel at 6 p.m. on Thursday. The Club's senior championship was won by K. M. A. Barnett, with A. Kurrik and A. Y. Brikoff being second.

The finances are in a healthy position.

The present membership is 32. Ten members joined the Club during the year and 14 resigned. J. S. Smith, one of the founders of our Club and for many years Vice-President was elected a life member.

ISLAND BAY HANDICAP

First Section

Peter Wei And Resisting Time Hard To Beat

WE SHOULD SEE a good field in the first section of Island Bay Handicap for "C" class China ponies, and the run is a sprint over six furlongs. I was surprised to see the transfer of a few racers to the second division. However, the post of honor has fallen upon Resisting Time, who has not summited too well, and I hear the mare is going to spend a quiet afternoon in her stall. In her absence, Mr. Li Po-chun's colours will be done by Resisting Time, and this chestnut, in my estimation, will carry it to victory.

It will be recalled that the stallion pulled up lame after his second outing in the Griffin's Spring Handicap at the annual meet and he never raced again.

Last Saturday Resisting Time ran a mile in 2.00.4, finishing the last quarter in 30.4 seconds, and there was nothing wrong with his four legs after the gallop. With that astute rider Peter Wei in the saddle the combination is hard to beat.

I have not seen the good old Musketeer, but I understand that he is alright, and the chestnut is not

Second Section

Second Leg Of The Daily Double

THE TRANSFER of Advancing Time, Boolat Bay, Galveston Bay, National Pride, Rose Fina and Tampa Bay, (all of whom were hitherto in the first division) to the second section of the Island Bay Handicap for "C" class China makes came as a surprise to the early birds. Incidentally, the event is the second leg of the daily double and spotting the right 'un is not going to be easy. I am glad that Soldier of Britain (winner of 1934 Hongkong St. Leger) has been set to carry only 152 lbs., but the old warrior has to keep a sharp look out on a few of this year's recruits, especially Victoria. The latter has found a new home and I have a hunch she will carry Mr. Li Lan-sang's colours to victory. Rose Fina has a poor field to beat and she should be well up at the finish. "If" Boolat Bay makes up his mind to run there is nothing to touch him, and Rose-Queen is also under the same category.

had for a minor placing. As placemakers, either Eva of Dandling or Thirty-Six can fill the gap.

AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Colony Half Mile Record Shattered

Chan Chun-nam Betters Five-Year Old Mark by 32 1/5 secs.

A BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

(By "Tinker")



Chan Chun-nam, brilliant Lat Tsun, swimming star who shattered the half-mile record for the Colony at the championship heats at the V.R.C. yesterday.

THE FIRST of the Colony swimming records expected to be broken this year was that of the 880 yards free-style during the heats at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday, when Chan Chun-nam fulfilled expectations and shattered W. Lawrence's five-year old time of 11 mins. 47.4/5 secs. by 32.1/5 secs., setting up a new mark (which will stand for quite some time) of 11 mins. 15.3/5 secs.

Not only this, but the promise that the 440 yards record is also to be broken was made, for in his record-breaking swim, Chan clocked 5 mins. 28 secs. for the quarter-mile, which time is only 1.3/5 seconds outside Lawrence's record of 1935!

Ng Nin, of whom much was expected also, was unopposed and returned the time of 12 mins. 19 secs. Mak Wai-ming, from whom opposition was expected, gave up the race at the 600-yard mark.

In the women's heats for the 100 yards free-style, the V.R.C. swimmers were very much to the fore. Miss V. Churn beat Miss Ho Wai-king by two yards, who in turn beat Miss J. Anderson by a foot. In the other heat Miss D. Weir swam a graceful and well-judged race to clock 74.4 secs. Miss Churn's time was 73.4 secs.

Chan Chun-nam's Times

Chan Chun-nam's times for every 100 yards during his race were:	
100 yards	67 1/2 secs.
200 yards	2 mins. 21 secs.
300 yards	3 mins. 35 secs.
400 yards	4 mins. 56 1/2 secs.
500 yards	5 mins. 28 secs.
600 yards	6 mins. 15 1/2 secs.
700 yards	7 mins. 34 1/2 secs.
800 yards	8 mins. 54 1/2 secs.
900 yards	10 mins. 16 1/2 secs.
1000 yards	11 mins. 15 3/5 secs.

Port Phillip H'cap

Big Field But Without Much Quality

WE SHOULD HAVE the second biggest field of the day in the Port Phillip Handicap, confined to "D" class Australian ponies, but there is not much quality among the list of 17 entries.

Several juveniles of this season are going to make their debut in the new standard, and judging from their performances it is my firm belief that they will provide the first three placed ponies.

It must, however, be admitted that a few of this year's youngsters do not like the gate business, and that is a big handicap.

A Green Time, Catterick Bridge and Grand Allegiance should be in the scampers. Venus Bay by Double Court is recommended for a small investment of \$5 each way.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st September, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office: 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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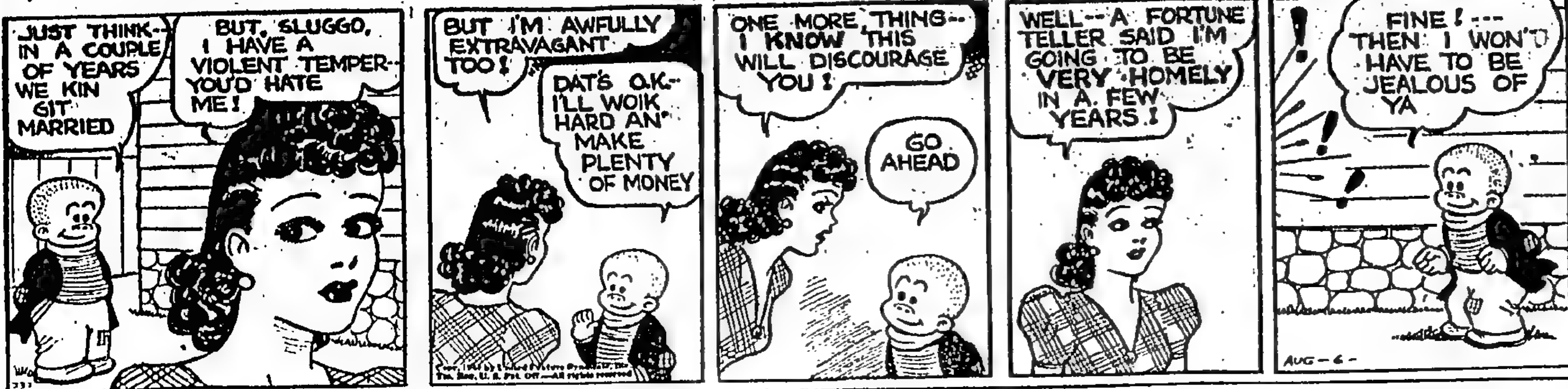
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Junk Bay H'cap DIFFICULT SELECTION FOR NOVICES' RACE

Entries for the Junk Bay Handicap confined to "D" class China ponies have been divided into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper, and the allotment of 20 racers to the first division should provide a good swing in the opening chorus.

The inclusion of a few griffin-decorated ponies, recently from the "C" class, coupled with the return of Chatterbox, Clowner, Salvage Master, and Sylvandale makes it very hard for one to get a line and in the circumstances it looks as if the mile race is going to be very open. Eye of Hunting, Eye of Peace, Hurricane and National Success have had several outings in the event, confined to griffins of this season, but they generally finished among the also-rans.

BIG PROBLEM

Of the four youngsters I like Eye of Hunting and National Success, but how good are they against the old timers such as Chatterbox, Clowner, Portrush, Salvage Master, Smiling Time, Sunlight View and West Lake?

Being a novice event I cannot as yet make up my mind which will be my best three, but my final selections will appear to-morrow.

Chan Chun-nam Shatters Half Mile Record

(Continued from Page 6.)

Over 50 yards to select the fourth runner for the 200 yards free-style relay team. With the four men bounding the final will be quickly as one could say 1-2-3-4. Rosa Pereira took first in 20 1/2 sec.

The results were:

Championships

MEN'S 100 YARDS FREE-STYLE
Heat 1 Ng Nin 12 mins 19 secs, Lau Tai-ping 14 mins 25.5 secs
Heat 2 Chan Chun-nam, 11 mins 15.5 secs (record), Charles Huang, 12 mins 13.4/5 secs, Yau Sai-kwan, 12 mins 50.4 5/8 secs
All five therefore, qualified for the final
WOMEN'S 100 YARDS FREE-STYLE
Heat 1 D Weir, 74.4/5 secs, I. Lopes, 77 secs, L. Sadick, 77 1/2 secs, In Situ, 78.4 5/8 secs
Heat 2 V. Churn, 75 1/2 secs, Ho Wai-king, 74.2 5/8 secs, J. Anderson, 74.4 5/8 secs
Finalists
D. Weir, I. Lopes, V. Churn, Ho Wai-king, J. Anderson

V.R.C. COMPETITIONS

Boys 50 yards breast-stroke handicap
Heat 1 J. Rosa-Pereira (7), 46.2 5/8 secs, R. Sequeira (7), 48.2 5/8 secs, R. Souza (6), 49 secs
Heat 2 H. Silva (2), 46.3/5 secs, J. Gomes (7), 46.2/5 secs, G. Yanovich (9), 43.3 5/8 secs, C. Gutierrez (5), 47 1/2 secs, A. Lopes (7), 46.4/5 secs
Finalists
J. Rosa-Pereira, R. Sequeira, H. Silva, J. Gomes, G. Yanovich

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LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuters).—A substitute St Leger will be running at Hurst Park on September 28, and final acceptors are Blacklion, Quadrangle, Love, by Trim, Pont Leveque, Camphor, Valeraine, Turkhan, Stardust, Queen of Shiraz, Tramaroma, Oldon, Egmont, Joan Drake, Hippus, Congratulation, Asterisk.

Major Baseball

ANOTHER WIN FOR CLEVELAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (UP).—Cleveland Indians chalked up another win in the American Baseball League to-day, beating the Washington Senators 3-1. This victory keeps the Indians ahead in the race for the pennant.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Washington	1	8	2
Batteries	Leonard	Krakaukas	Ferrell
Cleveland	3	5	0
Batteries	Smith	Hernandez	
New York	10	14	0
Batteries	Huffing	Dickey	
Chicago	7	2	
Batteries	Knott	Dietrich	George
Philadelphia	1	4	3
Batteries	Putzer	Beckman	Hayes
Detroit	10	12	1
Batteries	Trout	Tebbets	
Boston	1	9	1
Batteries	Johnson	Fleming	Pencock
St. Louis	2	7	0
Batteries	Anker	Swift	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	8	14	1
Batteries	Pasneau	McCluskey	
New York	2	8	5
Batteries	Lohman	Dean	Oida
St. Louis	4	14	0
Batteries	Bowman	Hutchinson	Owen
Pittsburgh	2	10	1
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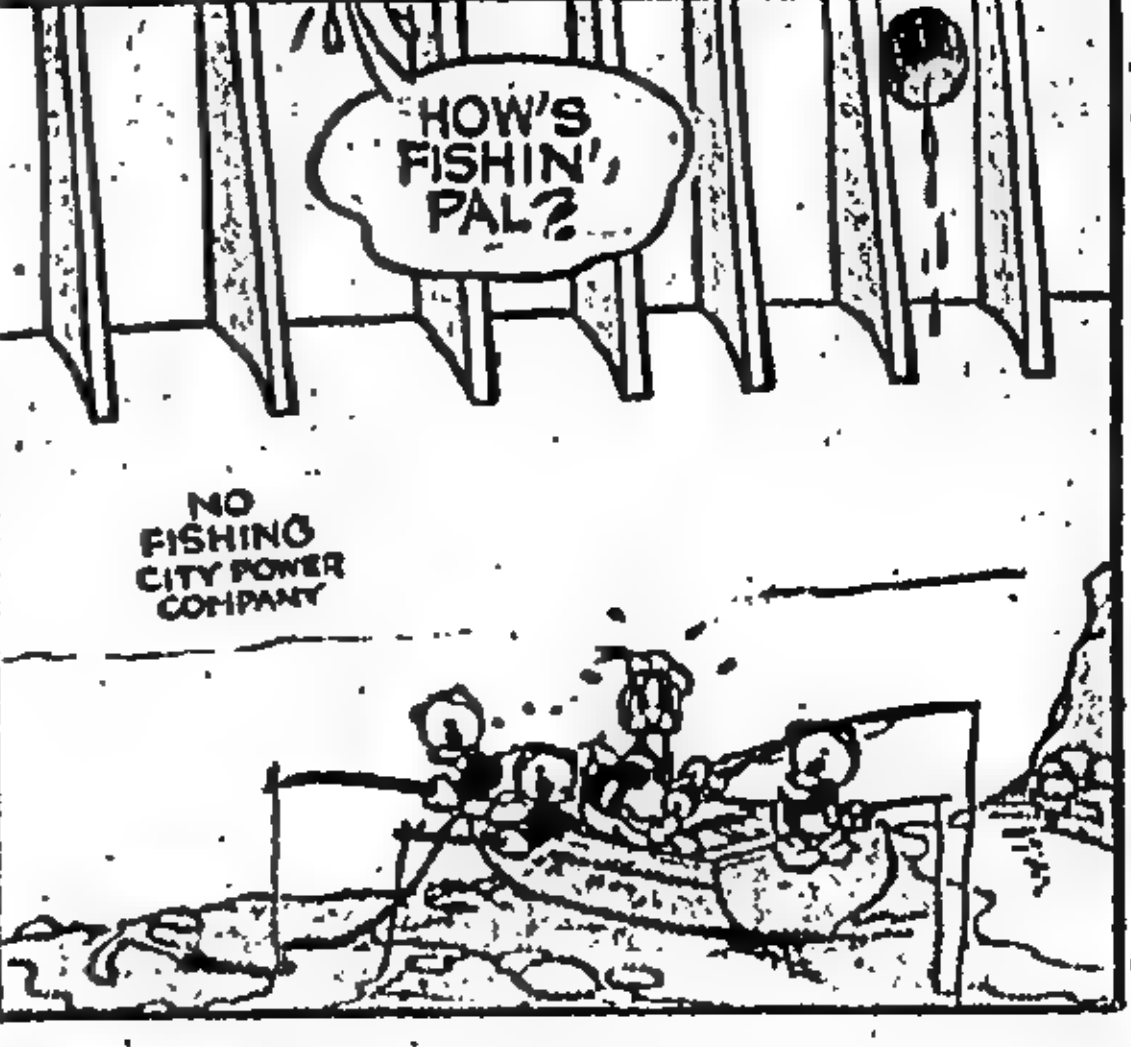
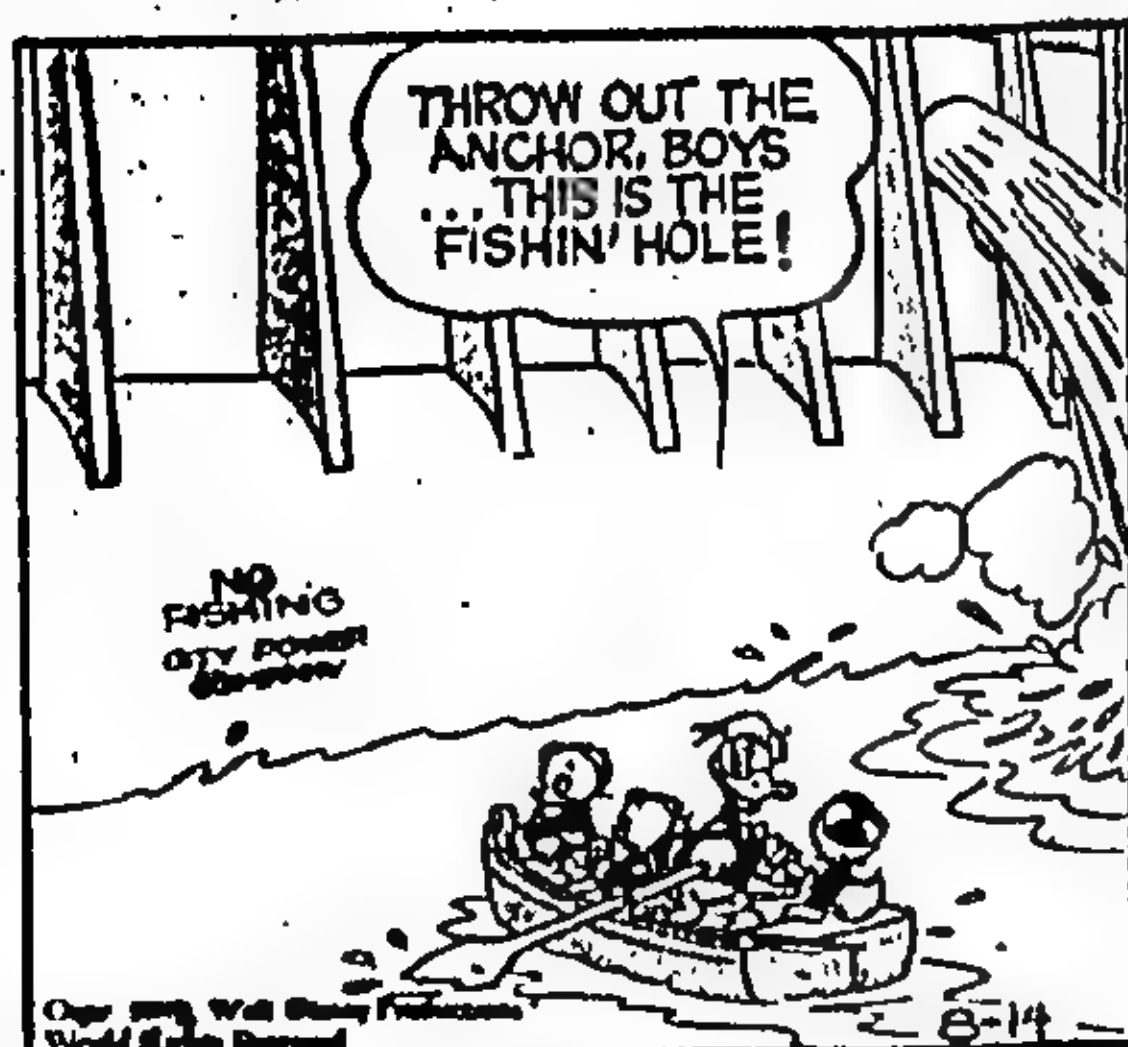
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Fighter boss finds quality pays best

BY BASIL CARDEW

Special Air Reporter

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR HUGH CASWALL TREMENEERE DOWDING, baron, waste-no-time chief of the Fighter Command, is now No. 1 keyman in the Royal Air Force.

Dowding, fifty-eight, spare exacting, works it out that his fighters help to shoot down thirteen enemy aircraft every twenty-four hours, and wing a further seven.

Now Dowding — "Stuffy" throughout the R.A.F. — counts on two main assets for these successes which may alter the whole tempo of the war—and they are known as two big M's—metal and mentality.

In seeking to reason why our machines stand the pace and outfight the Nazis in almost every battle, let us deal with metal first.

THE German Air Force use machines with a life of fifty flying hours. That is as long as they are made to last, and the Germans say it is sound economy to send them back then to the melting-pot.

Actually, the planes have to go back because of metal fatigue. Through using weaker materials, the Germans find their planes get "tired" far sooner than the British.

It is quick, though, this melting-pot process. In remarkably short time their planes are stripped of the engines, dismantled and thrown into the melting cauldron to be shaped again for another day.

The weakness is that an air force built on these principles is always half in the melting-pot, compared with a third of an air force which is usually considered to be grounded for repairs or reconditioning.

And another trouble is that even if an enemy warplane doesn't meet a British fighter or a well-sighted A.A. gun, it cannot be used for more than half a dozen battering trips over Britain.

This is the price the Germans pay for mass-produced, stamped-out warplanes, made as if in a sausage factory.

NOW how does the fighter air chief marshal (Sir Hugh) line it up with our own metals?

A British warplane is built for a fighting life of approximately 260 hours. Then it is turned over for training purposes for a further 250 hours.

But it also has a three-hour ground inspection after sixty flying hours, a half-day overhaul at the end of 120 hours, and when it has been in the air for 220 hours the ground staff give it a whole-day once-over, which is a thorough business.

This seems to be sounder economy in the long run.

Because a British warplane is a handmade job, built with the world's best metals, it can do this long service with 100 per cent. of safety.

GOERING'S aircraft are in no way handmade. His planes are good on paper. Even when the first were made they were good. Four hundred miles an hour for the fighters and more than 300 for the bombers. Everything right, nothing to fear.

But unfortunately for the Nazi pilots, these planes were only the prototypes. They were the first show models.

Now they are in mass production. Performance is nothing like the same, nor safety. The planes coming from the sausage machines often fall or shake apart when throttle is opened. Others flutter from wing tip to wing tip like the eyelids of a Victorian swooner.

Anyway, they give the German pilots a pretty rough time and combats become a losing hazard.

Sir Hugh Dowding, who flies his own plane, ranks this M for metal high indeed, and it has a lot to do with the other M—mentality of his boys who do the fighting. The boys say: "It's half the fight to have a good plane. Makes you feel you've won before it's begun."

DOWDING is proud of the way the R.A.F. mentally equip his crews who fly the planes. A first-class British pilot costs the country about £10,000. That includes his training and pay. Sounds rather high, but the cost of training a first-class pilot is averaged out with three other boys in the

L.D.V.s Want To Know—

DO WE SALUTE?

WHAT are the ranks of L.D.V. officers and N.C.O.s and how will they be recognised? What is the lowest rank that will be paid the compliments given to a Regular Army officer?

ANSWER: L.D.V. ranks consist of commanders of battalions, companies, platoons, groups, and sections, with their deputies. They will have "bars" on their shoulder, and possibly distinctive badges when these are issued. There is no ruling about salutes, etc. It is left to organisations to make their own rules.

WHY have no grants yet been made to the L.D.V.? Does the Government realise that men who, after their day's work, are giving hard-earned leisure willingly to the nation's defence are paying for it out of their own pockets?

ANSWER: Yes, the Government does. The point is the Home Guard consists of volunteers of whom it is expected that they will be willing to pay their own out-of-pocket expenses for a cup of tea in the middle of the night or a snack if they need it.

Men who have to use their cars are getting a mileage allowance according to hp. 3d a mile for over 10 hp and extra petrol coupons.

But the question of a grant to the L.D.V.s for general purposes is being looked into.

learning stages. Between them they may write-off two trainer aircraft, it may be more.

On the same principle it costs £5,000 to produce a good air gunner, radio operator or navigator. So a bomber, costing £30,000, with two pilots and three other crew, means a capital outlay of £65,000. When the bomber costs only £20,000, as many do, the whole is valued at £55,000.

Fighters are cheaper. The pilot still costs £10,000, but he is alone in the cockpit, and with the price of the plane about £7,500 the total is £17,500.

STAKING all on numbers, the Nazis don't attempt to train their men so carefully. Cheap machines and quickly versed air crews, please, they say.

That is why the German air crews captured in the last few weeks average only twenty years of age. Compare them with the R.A.F. boys who feature in the news. Ninety per cent. of them joined the service long before the war. Boys I know called from the reserve last September—good boys, too—are still waiting for an action.

Painstaking, and a little slow, perhaps, but as Dowding knows, so well—when his planes do go into fight his men have got those two big M's and half the battle won.

With them Britain needs no equality in numbers to be equal to or even superior to Marshal Goering's air force.

WHERE FRENCH GENERALS FAILED

INFORMATION from French sources confirms the impression that whereas the Germans have greatly developed the art of war, and in particular have thought out replies to their own tactics of defence in depth, the French had stood still or actually deteriorated in tactics since 1918.

Attack, defence, use of artillery, reconnaissance—in every field, according to these French criticisms, was to be found a lack of imagination, initiative, and even energy, which a certain inferiority in equipment appeared to justify only in a minor degree.

This information is of particular interest as it deals with sectors in which the Germans did not employ tanks, most of what has been published having been on the subject of tank tactics.

As might be expected, the Germans prepared their attacks by careful air and ground observation; where they brought novelty to this task was in the boldness of their listening posts, who sometimes connected telephone cable to that of the French, and of their reconnoitring patrols, who studied possible channels for future infiltration and learned the dispositions and habits of the defence.

Infiltration began the night before the attack, patrols of three men with a light machine-gun passing between the French posts by the passages previously reconnoitred.

At dawn the artillery opened an intense bombardment lasting several hours, during which the elements of infiltration penetrated further, and the French telephone system, both lateral and from front to rear, was cut.

The fire of the light machine-guns which took the French posts in flank and even in rear gave the garrisons the impression that neighbouring units had been driven back and that they themselves were surrounded. If they then fell back, the elements of infiltration followed and harassed them.

If, on the other hand, they continued to hold their ground, an attack in force was launched. On a given signal the artillery long-thumbed range and the assault troops advanced in dense formations without even troubling to make use of ground, while the elements of infiltration endeavoured to make the defenders keep their heads down.

The attackers, following their principle of 1918, flowed through the gaps, but halted in front of points of resistance.

In these circumstances the French garrisons of the strong points often retired to avoid being surrounded. Those which continued to resist were reduced at nightfall by mortar fire, generally incendiary if the centre of resistance was a village. It was found that in practice these centres of resistance had little effect in holding up the forward flow of the attack through the gaps. To some French officers it appeared that they had been betrayed by the dogma of defence in depth and that a continuous line, however weakly held, would have served them better. "From the point of view of morale," it is stated, "soldiers inevitably fight better when they know that there are no gaps on their right or left."

But the same observer has just been telling us how admirably the Germans fought

when there were gaps, huge gaps, on either flank.

This argument, indeed, falls to the ground when we are further informed that a continuous line would serve only against infantry attack and that against tanks dispositions should always be in depth.

How is the defence to know that tanks have not been brought up during the night? No, whatever system be adopted, it must serve equally well against either tanks or infantry. It seems, indeed, that the French did not fully comprehend the German tactics which they strive to imitate.

Though their defence is zonal, not linear, the Germans have always recognized that there must be a line somewhere to check infiltration, to protect the artillery, to serve as a rallying position, to act as the objective of counter-attacks and if possible to provide an anti-tank barrier. This line was found in 1917 and 1918 in the Hindenburg Line or its equivalent; it was represented in 1939-40 in the "main fighting line" of the West Wall.

In the latter case it consisted of concrete anti-tank obstacles, iron chevaux de frise of which some sections clung to the tank and were carried along with it, and of a tank ditch. In open warfare a line of this sort would have to be improvised and would not be nearly so strong, but it would always exist.

Everything in front of that main fighting line formed the outpost zone. This also was protected, but only by the barbed-wire fence so familiar in the last War.

Hostile infiltration into this zone did not amount to anything very serious, but even that could be checked by the active patrolling of the outpost battalion.

It is an admission of weakness and lack of initiative if it be taken for granted that hostile patrols of three men are at liberty to prowl about the outpost zone as though they owned it while the garrison sits in its strong points, which in such a scheme of defence belie their name.

Were such tactics to be practised against Australian troops holding a similar sector they would be pleased by the heaven-sent opportunity to collect prisoners without trouble.

The reasons for the German success in the instances recorded are to be found not only in their own boldness and skill but also in the inertia of the French, which is summed up in the sentence: "The French defence was purely static and passive."

We also learn that neither in platoons, battalions, nor regiments were resources available for counter-attack when the enemy had succeeded in penetrating the defensive position.

The reason is doubtless to be found in the widely extended fronts held by French regiments in the Battle of France, but it is fatal not to retain some reserve, however weak the effectives. It is also reported that the French either had no flares or did not use them.

The Germans, as always, employed them profusely. In broad daylight the elements of infiltration signalled their progress with white flares and by night whole German fronts recalled a display of fireworks.

It is stated that in the counter-offensive the French made no attempt to carry out infiltration either before or during the assault. Their conception of an infantry attack, when no tanks were available, was a simultaneous and continuous advance on the whole front by all the attacking forces.

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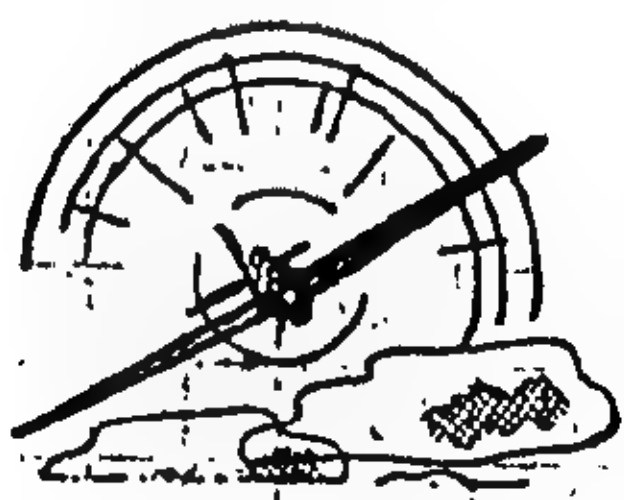
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Mr. Winston Churchill

Mr. Churchill has lived an adventurous life as war correspondent, soldier, student of military history, experienced parliamentarian, Cabinet minister, and man of letters. He belongs to a fairly old family. His great ancestor, John Churchill, was one of England's most famous soldiers in the time of the late Stuarts, and he himself is now undoubtedly the man of the hour, with a mighty responsibility resting on his shoulders.

A few years ago he wrote a book under the title of "Great Contemporaries," in which he sketched the careers and characters of some twenty-one outstanding men who have been familiar figures in the public life of Europe, and all this appraisal of his contemporaries illuminating as it is, brings to light with even greater brilliance the character of Mr. Churchill himself. That Mr. Churchill has a natural genius for friendship and a spontaneous readiness to acknowledge what he owes to his friends is clearly seen in these sketches, and there is perhaps no better way of bringing out this feature of his character than by quoting a few extracts from his comments upon the persons whose portraits he has drawn.

In his view, Bernard Shaw is "sart, sage, and clown, and the greatest living master of letters in the English-speaking world." He is of opinion that Joseph Chamberlain "revived in the Tory party the inspiration of Disraeli, and made the world-spread peoples of the British Empire realize that they were one, and that their future lay in acting on this knowledge." Of Sir John French he says that "the advance of the British Army across the Marne under French's orders decided the immense battle which saved Paris." He pronounces this to be "one of the greatest military events in all history," and says that Sir John is entitled to his share of the glory. John Morley was one of his older contemporaries, "the representative of great doctrines, an actor in his role, a controversialist, a master of English prose, a statesman-author, a repository of vast knowledge in almost every subject of practical interest." Of Asquith's opinion he says that, in the prime of his life "they were cut in bronze, and vast knowledge, faithful industry, deep thought, were embedded in his nature." Lawrence of Arabia had "a full measure of the versatility of genius. He was a savant as well as a soldier, an archaeologist as well as a man of action, an accomplished scholar as well as an Arab partisan, a mechanic as well as a philosopher." He greatly admired Earl Birkenhead as "a sincere patriot, a wise, grave, sober-minded statesman, a truly great jurist, a scholar of high attainments, and a gay, brilliant, loyal, lovable being."

He has something to say about several foreigners, including Foch, Clemenceau, and Trotsky. Of the first mentioned he says this: "The value of his spirit and the shrewd sagacity of his judgment were of the highest order. Fortune lighted his career. Of the latter mentioned he remarks that he was "ambitious, and ambitious in quite a common worldly way. All the collectivism in the world could not rid him of an egotism which amounted to a disease."

Coming back to his own people, Mr. Churchill, treats of Earl Haig, Arthur Balfour, Curzon, and Snowden in a sympathetic, and pleasant manner. Haig's "character and con-

THE DUKE OF

HIS Majesty the King has been pleased to appoint His Royal Highness, the Duke of Windsor, to be Governor and Commander in Chief of the Bahamas Islands," reads the official announcement.

This appointment to one of the lesser governorships under patronage of the Crown involves no loss of prestige for the former King of England, for this seemingly insignificant post has become one of the most important in the Empire, in the shadow of present-day British events and eventualities.

This is specifically true in the case of the Duke of Windsor who, for a generation at least, has been Britain's Number One liaison figure. As the Prince of Wales during the First World War and after, Edward won the popular affection of many Americans. The Duke of Windsor is a "good mixer," perhaps the best that England ever had and the friendliness of the United States must be kept in a fluid and fluent condition.

Furthermore, the appointment of the Duke of Windsor as a Colonial Governor, marks beginning of a \$280,000,000 British colonial development and welfare programme, decided upon just before the outbreak of the present war.

The arrival of the Duke and Duchess in Nassau will be the first visit in the Western Hemisphere since the King abdicated.

The reciprocal feeling between America and England is furthered by the near proximity of the Bahamas. It is just a ferry trip overnight. Twice a day a plane flies between Miami and Nassau, making the trip in a couple of hours.

The Duke of Windsor will govern an enormous area, for the Bahamas comprise 3,000 islands, islets and cays, stretching out for some 700 miles along the Florida shore. Spanish owners by discovery made no use of the islands.

Ponce de Leon began the romantic tradition of the Bahamas that the Windsors are continuing, by twice traversing them in search of the Fountain of Youth, just after his discovery of Florida. Some 170 years elapsed before a settlement was made by Europeans.

Another Englishman, Captain Sayles, in 1667, sought shelter in a beautiful harbour of one of the larger islands. He called the island, Providence, for it

afforded him shelter in his hour of need. In time, this became the harbour of Nassau, the present capital of the archipelago and the seat of the Royal Governor.

The name of the island was later changed to New Providence, to distinguish it from the New England Colony city. Spain resented this invasion of territory that she had not thought worth occupying. She

descended on New Providence and slew every inhabitant.

During the following 50 years, the Bahamas served only as a hideout for pirates and buccaners. They began by assaulting the Spanish galleons loaded with gold and silver filched from the American aborigines.

The treasure ships came directly from the Spanish Main and Panama, and, like modern shipping, had to pass somewhere among the hundreds of Bahama Islands.

While the Bahamas have not known actual warfare, they have more than once benefited by the incidents of strife. American Loyalists fled from the Southern Colonies when the Declaration of Independence was made. They brought with them their retinues of slaves and together may be said to represent the ancestry of a considerable

proportion of the inhabitants, thus making Americans cousins in a left-handed sort of way.

From the sea, the low island of Nassau, whose surface never rises much over a hundred feet, looks like a green strip of seaweed floating in a deep blue sea, outlined by a lacy collar of foam where an angry surf is always breaking.

The undergrowth along shore seems a trifle scrubby after other tropical seascapes, probably owing to the thin coat of soil covering the windswept backbone of the island.

WINDSOR'S

There will be nothing to remind the new Governor of the hills rising high above the Riviera and the stony coasts of Spain and Portugal where they have sojourned so long. Wild pecans, century plants, dusty flame trees with brown pods hanging almost within reach, and dwarf green bay trees border the roadway on the drive into the town.

Gimcrack villas of black natives with tanks on the roofs to

This main thoroughfare leads straight through the Capital city. It is captivating, at least to those who like tinted engravings of a village street "way down East" for example.

There are rambling stores with antiquated show-windows piled with curious assortments of all they carry, with antique clerks—when they are not coloured—wearing choker collars, showing their Adam's apple, some with mutton chop whiskers.

Boney nags hitched to carriages, buggies and buckboards with an assortment of Fords of various vintage stand along the sidewalks. Negroes lounge at every corner. And there are many shops that are strictly the outgrowth of tourist traffic. True, at either end of this somewhat colonial setting, they might have seen from the sea two great hotels, one ancient of days, the other the last word in swank.

The procession moves on up George Street—named after one of Edward's illustrious ancestors—to the top of Mount FitzWilliam, where stands Government House. Surrounded by its 18-acre park, it is a striking edifice.

Here again, is the ubiquitous touch of America, in the form of a statue modelled according to "instructions from Washington Irving. A buccaneer wearing a slouch hat at a rakish

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angle and a toga. It is labelled, "Christopher Columbus."

The old forts just outside the city of Nassau will feebly remind him of the outworks of the Empire. They enter Nassau via a meandering street, past quaint four-square houses of white all with elaborate green shutters and copes of Bougainvillea and hedges of hibiscus. At Bay Street, they find the majority of the 70,000 population of their entire domain waiting for them. There are 28 black people to one white person.

Doubtless the presence of a royal couple at Government House in Nassau will add to the attractions of that winter resort. It will certainly be a boon to tourist traffic.

It may bring many noted visitors and bind new ties that may add to the prestige of Britain. It may turn an unfavourable trade balance into an asset for the first time in decades. But what will all this mean to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor?

In point of honour, it is a very minor job in the British Empire, usually offered to an older public figure who has won retirement to bask his remaining days as a figurehead in the tropical sun. Naming the Duke of Windsor as "Commander in Chief"—as well as Governor—signifies that he will be Commander in Chief of local defence.

As Governor, the Duke will control less than 50 inhabited and some 2,000 uninhabited islands. The customary governor's yearly salary is \$10,000. He will be assisted by an Executive Council of nine and a Representative Assembly of 29. The real job seems to be that in which all countries are now engaged—trying to balance the budget, and only piling up a deficit.

In 1938, imports exceeded \$4,000,000, and exports were around \$700,000. Government revenues were \$28,278 pounds sterling; expenditures, \$40,274 pounds. In this War Year of 1940, the figures are not expected to be anything like so mildly unfavourable.

When he isn't working on the Budget, how will the Duke and Duchess fare for entertainment and amusement to which they have been for so long accustomed? During the winter, there no doubt will be given some splendid routs at Government House.

And during the season, Paradise Beach on Hog Island is no less gay than the Lido used to be. There is shooting and fishing all over the islands and inlets. The Colonial Hotel was never a slouch at doing the right thing up brown.

Occasionally, perhaps, one may find the Duke and Duchess strolling about quaint Nassau, pausing to rest beneath the broad shade of the great silk-cotton "tree" where the buccaners are said to have bartered, and a hundred Negroes will rise and bow to them.

They too may climb Queen's Staircase of a hundred steps and visit Fort Fincastle carved out of solid rock. They may linger at the Telephone Exchange located the exact spot where the old Slave Auction Block used to stand, when it was called Vendue House.

They will surely visit the Sponge Market, whence comes the island's principal income and the local market where the coloured mummies are offering a hundred articles of dyed fibre. Just a short walk for another look into the "Sea Gardens" perhaps and then finally they may drop into the old prison that is now the "Public Library."

It all seems trivial somehow from some peoples' point of view. But not if the Duke of Windsor intends to play the part of Britain's Goodwill Envoy to the Western Hemisphere! "The Times," of London, remarks, "The West Indies as a whole may well receive the news of the appointment of the Duke of Windsor as full of welcome significance at a time when events in Europe, and the highly important of their implications in the north, have demonstrated their high importance in the international reckoning."

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



WHERE ELSE CAN JAPAN GET OIL?

JAPAN is in desperate need of oil. At the moment when, to quote her Foreign Minister, Japan is "confronted with a trial

duct as soldier and subject will long serve as an example to all." Of the second he promises that "when I go to Heaven I shall try to arrange a chat between him and Socrates on some subject not too remote for me to follow." He quotes a few sayings from his private chat of Balfouriana. "Asquith's lucidity of style is a positive disadvantage when he has nothing to say." Again, Mr. Churchill remarks that he has found it helpful, "when pessimists are prating," to remember that Balfour said: "This is a singularly ill-contrived world, but not so ill-contrived as that." When he visited Balfour during the last months of the latter's life he "saw with grief the approaching departure of a being high uplifted above the common run." As I observed him regarding with calm, firm and cheerful gaze the approach of Death, I felt how foolish the Stoics were to make such a fuss about an event so natural and so indispensable to mankind."

There is space for a comment upon a great personality. Of the late King George V. Mr. Churchill had this to say: "In harness, to the last he left behind him an example and an inspiration to all concerned in the government of men." This series of portraits certainly furnishes an insight into the character and qualities of the artist himself.

such as she has never before experienced in her history," President Roosevelt slams down his ban on the export of aviation spirit to countries outside the Western Hemisphere.

To carry on her war with China, and without embarking upon further adventures, Japan requires some 5,500,000 tons of oil a year. Up till now the United States has been supplying four-fifths of that amount. About 1,000,000 tons a year has come from the Dutch East Indies. But it is unlikely that Japan's present war effort will be appreciably retarded as a consequence of the United States' ban, because the President's decree concerns only aviation spirit. There is no ban, as yet, on crude oil exports.

Japan's imports of high-grade aviation spirit, refined and ready for use, have never been considerable. In fact, these imports have been less than one per cent. of her total oil requirements.

In the first nine months of the present war Japan imported 289,000 barrels of aviation spirit from the United States (Britain's imports were 443,000 barrels).

But there is no doubt that if Japan embarked upon a new adventure, necessitating a vastly increased consumption of aviation spirit, she would need a much greater quantity of high-grade oil.

other than those controlled by the United States or immediately re-organising Japan's own refining industry to step up production. Russia, world's second largest oil producer, could help Japan. But the Sphinx in the Kremlin is hardly likely to smile on Russia's old enemy.

Which leaves the Dutch East Indies, fifth among the oil-producing countries of the world.

More than ever now, Japan will look with long eyes at those wealthy islands beyond the China Seas, strung like beads along the Equator, which supply nearly three per cent. of the world's oil production—2,000,000 barrels more than the total oil output of Rumania.

Rafineries serve all the producing fields in the Dutch East Indies. These are capable of supplying Japan with the aviation spirit she has up till now obtained from the United States.

Japan, who stands twentieth in the list of oil-producing countries, has for some time past been making desperate efforts to provide for the long-foreseen oil shortage. Back in 1934 a law was passed requiring all importers to keep in storage an amount of petroleum equal to one-half of their annual imports.

Intensive and expensive efforts have been made to produce oil from coal.

But Japan's immediate problem now would seem to be to extend and accelerate her refining plants, so that imported crude oil can be converted into the highly refined, "knock-free" aviation spirit.

From Tyler

New Japanese Demands Officially Reported INDO-CHINA SITUATION TAKES TURN FOR WORSE

Special to the "Telegraph"

THE SITUATION in French Indo-China has taken a sudden turn for the worse.

It is officially announced in Hanoi that the Japanese have presented new demands.

These demands, says an official French communique, are "incompatible with the instructions received from Vichy and the previous agreement."

Negotiations are continuing but, the communique adds, they have now reached a delicate phase.

"United Press" reported from Hanoi early this morning that the situation had become critical.

Mission Leaves
The Japanese Mission is departing from Hanoi, leading to the belief that the negotiations had been suspended.

Major General Nishihara, leader of the Mission, has paid a farewell call on Vice-Admiral Decoux, the Governor General.

Four hundred Japanese civilians have been ordered to evacuate Hanoi and will leave for Haiphong this morning by a special train. They will board three Japanese ships at Haiphong.

Four and a half tons of Japanese baggage left Hanoi for Haiphong last night.

Serious Situation Admitted
The seriousness of the situation was admitted in Vichy last night by M. Baudouin, the French Foreign Minister, who told American correspondents that France had been forced to be realistic because, although Washington had been kept fully informed of the situation, the United States had insisted on nothing more than a formal protest to Tokyo if Indo China were attacked.

"Japan is such a tremendous power in the Far East to-day that verbal protests would be insufficient," M. Baudouin said.

"Negotiation will undoubtedly preserve French sovereignty in Indo China, but Japan will get a preferential market there."

"It would be foolish for France, in her present position, to try and enforce a French monopoly of that market, or try to overlook the Japanese fleet."

Single-Handed
"France is single-handed in the Far East. We have only small military naval and air forces there. Britain has withdrawn her military forces from Hongkong and Singapore and the United States has declined to give us any military support in preserving the status quo in Indo China."

"At the same time, France will use all the force allowed by the armistice convention to assure her integrity by fighting those forces who provoke dissidence."

"The same determination to preserve the French Empire will guide France in her refusal to meet the last-minute demands by Sum for territorial concessions among the Mekong River islands. The same determination will stimulate France's insistence on full respect for her sovereignty in the French-Japanese negotiations at Hanoi."

Decoux To Call Bluff?
Another "United Press" message from Hanoi, received at 9.30 a.m., quotes informed circles there as believing that Vice-Admiral Decoux has called Japan's bluff.

It is understood that the members of the Japanese Mission have been quibbling among themselves because, it is alleged, Tokyo has not yet agreed to support any show of force.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

Air Force Continues Its Splendid Work

Among official communiques announced yesterday was the following issued by the Air Ministry:

Bomber Command aircraft last night continued to disconcert the enemy's invasion plans by delivering sustained attacks with strong forces of bombers against the ports of Antwerp, Zeebrugge, Dunkirk, Ostend, Calais, Boulogne, Dieppe and Le Havre.

Much damage was done to shipping and military stores, and many fires were started.

Other forces of bombers attacked distribution centres at Innsbruck, Elbing, Hamm, Mannheim and Brussels.

Consent Command aircraft attacked a convoy off Borkum. A direct hit was registered on an enemy destroyer.

Other Coastal Command aircraft attacked the port of Cherbourg, shipping off the Dutch coast and the aerodrome of De Kooy.

Seven of our aircraft are missing.

LONDON: No Large-Scale Raids
No large scale action has been reported during the day.

Two enemy aircraft dropped bombs in districts in East London, causing some damage and casualties.

Both were engaged by our fighters and one was shot down.

Bombs are also reported from coastal towns in Essex and Sussex and at one point in west England.

The number of casualties was small. Despite bad visibility our fighters successfully intercepted a large proportion of the enemy and five enemy bombers altogether were destroyed.

CAIRO: No Change In Situation
There is no change in the situation in Egypt. The enemy continues to consolidate his positions in Sidi Barrani and Sollum areas.

There is nothing to report on other fronts.

R.A.F.: Raid On Dodecanese Islands
A high successful attack was launched yesterday against the enemy in the Dodecanese Islands.

Fires were started at Maritza (Rhodes). Several explosions, followed by a large fire, were seen at Calais.

Hangars, barracks and the harbour jetty were hit at Portolago Bay (Leros). A fuel store was also hit and a fire spread along the coast.

All our planes returned safely.

Continuous raids are being made against the enemy in the western desert. An aircraft started fires at Derna, buildings were hit at Tobruk and large motor transport concentrations between Sidi Barrani and Sollum were set on fire.

A successful attack was made on about 50 aircraft grounded at Elminia (Libya). Bombs fell among the aircraft there and damage was caused.

Raids were also made on Homs, Bardia and a camp in the Capuzzo-Sollum area. One aircraft is missing.

Aircraft of the South African Air Force raided Mogadisho aerodrome (Italian Somaliland) for the sixth time on September 17. All the bombs dropped on hangars and buildings and many fires were started.

Attacks were made on Lavello (Abyssinia). One bomber was destroyed and considerable damage to buildings and hangars resulted.

Three raiders were made by R.A.F. bombers on Kassala. One enemy fighter attempting to intercept was damaged.

Assab and Diradawa (Eritrea) were again attacked and fires were observed.

DONATION FOR PLANES
Istanbul, Sept. 19.
The British Colony has started a fund to provide two fighter planes for the Royal Air Force. The fund reached £25,000 within a few hours.—Reuter.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/4
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T.T. Shanghai	415
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	105
T.T. India	32 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	22 1/2
T.T. Manila	44 1/4
T.T. Batavia	41 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/4
T.T. Saigon	90 1/4
T.T. France	88 1/4
T.T. Switzerland	88 1/4
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23 1/4
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	32 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	402 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	404

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Radio Programme broadcast by Z. H. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on short wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 952 m.c.s. per second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra. 1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Paul Robeson (Bass). 1.13 Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Tchaikovsky. 2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Short Programme of Old English Compositions. 6.20 p.m. Dennis Noble (Baritone).

6.30 Lst. Melio Watts, Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.45 Dance Music and Variety. 7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 Handel—Concerto Grosso No. 1 Op. 6. The Boyd Neal String Orchestra.

8.15 Studio—A Bass and Flute Recital by Y. K. Sze (Bass) and Walter H. D. Yeh (Flute) accompanied by E. O'N. Shaw.

1. (a) "Weeping for Ever" (Handel). (b) "Great Isle, Great Cairn" (Mozart). Y. K. Sze; 2. Grosso Sonata in A Minor (Kublan). (a) Allegro con passione; (b) Scherzo—Allegro assai. Walter H. D. Yeh; 3. "Last Night" (Kjerulf). O. Star of Eve" (Wagner). Y. K. Sze.

8.40 p.m. Compositions of Mendelssohn. 9.00 London Relay—The News. 9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs"—William Stead.

9.45 A Classical Request Programme. 11.00 Close Down.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
SUBSTANTIAL DONATIONS TO FUND FOR BOMBERS
The War Fund inaugurated by the South China Morning Post, Ltd., out of which British fighting aircraft are to be purchased, mainly by the purchase of a great ship yesterday with one of the largest amounts donated for a long time. It will be recalled that soon after the fund was commenced, many Hongkong firms and individuals, including the Hongkong and Shanghai Ferry Company, have contributed £20,000, a truly encouraging instance of support from one of the big local Chinese organizations. In addition, an anonymous donation of £1,000 and other welcome subscriptions, a total of \$1,343,000.02 was reached yesterday by the fund. The latest donations are:

The Hongkong and Shanghai Ferry Co., Ltd. and Yumai Ferry Co., Ltd. £20,000
"On and Stranger" (Halphong) 1,000
The Family of Mr. D. E. D. 75
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. D. 75
The late Mr. Stafford Smith 75
"Two Police" 75
John Paul (2nd donation) 25

Weather & Fear Of R.A.F. Stop Raiders

Special to the "Telegraph"

High winds, rain and scattered clouds offered unfavourable conditions for Nazi raiders—yesterday, reveal "United Press" messages from London, and in consequence the London area had only one brief raid alarm up to 6 o'clock in the evening.

Dover reported at 5 o'clock that there was a high wind, choppy seas, and scattered high and low clouds. There had been some rain earlier in the day; and although an enemy raider was spotted, it was seen to dump its bombs in the sea before turning back to the French coast.

West End Damage
A tour of the West End of London has revealed the extensive damage sustained in recent raids.

The new areas damaged include the forecourt of the British Museum where a small bomb fell. There are three huge craters in the street near the Japanese Embassy, while a single heavy bomb made a big crater in the courtyard of the Wallace Collection in Manchester Square.

A high explosive bomb shattered three storeys of Peter Robinsons, the well-known departmental store in Oxford Circus, while the blast from a bomb in Regent Street damaged the roof of the Piccadilly Hotel. Another bomb knocked off the southern turret of the Records Office.

It is also revealed that the headquarters of the London County Council Hall was damaged in a recent raid.

Mr. Charles Latham, leader of the Council, declared: "Although the fabric of the County Hall received some damage, I want to assure the public that the London civil defences and other services are being maintained."

Somerset House Damaged
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—From to-day parts of Somerset House, which was recently damaged by a bomb, are closed and staffs are being evacuated to North England.

CHelsea ROYAL HOSPITAL HIT
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—It was revealed today that the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, where old soldiers and picturesque Chelsea pensioners live, was hit by bombs in a recent raid.

Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War, said to-day that a number of incendiary bombs fell on the building.

The old pensioners helped the staff to deal with them. Some of the men over 80 years of age were restrained with difficulty from taking part in the work and had to be literally ordered back to their shelter.

This conduct is an inspiration to their young comrades in the army to-day, Lord Croft commented.

General Killed In London Air Raid
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—It is learned that Major General J. Bruce Hay and Mrs. Hay were killed at a bombed West End hotel.

Major General Hay was Inspector-General of the Iraq Army and head of the British Military Mission in Iraq from 1934 to 1937.

2,000-Mile Trip With British Naval Patrol
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—A 2,000-mile cruise in the Aegean Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean with British cruisers and destroyers which were on a reconnaissance patrol is related by "Reuters" special correspondent aboard a British destroyer.

The Fleet was sweeping the Greek archipelago for enemy submarines and ships engaged in contraband oil trade with the Dodecanese Islands.

A greater part of the trip, the correspondent says, was remarkable for its lack of interest. For many days, "we were within bombing range of Italian aircraft stationed at Rhodes but a solitary Italian reconnaissance flying boat which circled out of the range of our guns was the only sign of the enemy."

Lack of Petrol?
This suggests that Dodecanese is suffering from lack of petrol, the supply of which has been cut off by the British Fleet.

Submarines provide the only method by which these islands can be supplied, and this is a hazardous task since these craft are easy prey for British destroyers using the Asdic hydrophone.

The effectiveness of this instrument was demonstrated during the trip when a submarine was detected and the correspondent saw depth charges dropped, after which bubbles of air and patches of oil appeared on the surface.

Later depth charges were dropped around another submarine which is unlikely to have survived the attack.

On joining the convoy we learned, says the correspondent, that one of its escorts the previous day had been unsuccessfully attacked by four Italian aircraft, one of which attempted to attack with an aerial torpedo.

It is learned that three of these four had been forced to land on the Turkish coast as the result of damage sustained by naval guns of the British escort.

Japanese Cabinet Meets At Palace
TOKYO, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Cabinet Ministers and Service Chiefs conferred for three hours at the Imperial Palace in the presence of the Emperor this afternoon.

A communique issued by the Secretary of the Cabinet says that "important affairs of state" were discussed.

The conference was attended by the Prime Minister, the War and Navy Ministers, the Foreign Minister, the Finance Minister, the Chiefs and Vice-Chiefs of the Army and Navy General Staffs and the President of the Cabinet Planning Board.

Internment Camp Shooting Protests
CHUNGKING, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office has protested to the British and United States Embassies at the shooting in the internment camp of the Shanghai International Settlement and is demanding the punishment of those responsible and assurances of a non-recurrence of similar incidents in future.

The Foreign Office is also reserving all rights and claims.

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BALKANS UPHEAVAL

Hungarian "Reign Of Terror" Alleged

BUCHAREST, Sept. 19 (UP).—The official Rumanian radio to-day alleged that Hungarians had started a "reign of terror" in many Transylvanian centres.

It was asserted that ten Rumanians had been massacred.

It is believed that there have been isolated killings in other parts of the country.

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King and Queen Talk To Air Raid Victims

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Standing amid a scene of devastation near wrecked houses which had received a direct hit from a bomb, the King and Queen to-day talked to men and women who had marvellous escapes from death.

This occurred during a tour of three districts in London which have received bad-bomb damage.

Looking around at the destruction, in the middle of which were two unharmed "Anderson" shelters, the

King remarked, "These Anderson shelters are wonderful."

He and the Queen listened while the survivors, who had been in the shelters when the bomb fell only a few yards from them, told their Majesties of their escapes.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

RACING RE-STARTS AT THE VALLEY TO-MORROW

Charlie Encarnacao Absent From Colony: V.V. Needa On Holiday In Shanghai

AFTER A LAPSE of over three months, Happy Valley will again be the meeting place of all lovers of horse-flesh to-morrow, the opening of the second half of the racing season under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club. First saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., the rising of the curtain being at two o'clock for the event to be ridden by novices.

Owing to general evacuation, the absence of all the feminine sporting celebrities with their best "Sunday frocks" (parading up and down the lawns) will be much felt and there is no doubt that there will be many empty seats in the private boxes.

Racing fans, I am sure, have been patiently waiting for the resumption of the extra race meetings, but it is obviously not to be expected that all the good horses will be running up to best form after the few weeks' holiday in the pastures.

An predicted there were fireworks last Saturday, but a few of the "dress rehearsal" gallops were much too fast. However, a nice programme of nine events will be presented to the racing public and we are assured of a good day's sport.

Absent Jockeys

FOLLOWERS of Charlie Encarnacao will not see him in the saddle, for he has said good-bye to Hongkong (returned to Shanghai for good) and "Billy" Poy will be looking after the string of ponies owned by the opulent owner, Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

"Vic" Needa is holidaying in Shanghai and whether he will be back in time for to-morrow's racing is a matter for conjecture. The "sailor" jockey, Benny Proulx, will be seen in action for a couple of races, but his mesquite moustache, Donald Black, will have his hands full.

The return of K. I. Ip to the saddle will be an addition to the list of experienced riders, and so will K. W. Fung to the apprentice class. G. Trevorton has accepted several mounts and he requires only one success to become a "full blown" jockey.

The introduction of a new standard whip (length not to exceed 24 inches) and also special

Aussies' Autumn Plate

Far View Not Nominated For Main Event

AS ANTICIPATED Far View has not been nominated for the main event, the Australian Ponies' Autumn Plate for subscription ponies of this season over the champion course, but Sapper is among the list of entries.

Junk Bay H'cap

FINAL EVENT FOR NOVICES

THE MEETING will terminate with a novice event in the second section of the Junk Bay Handicap for "D" class China riders.

By virtue of his win in Macao last Sunday, Double Chance has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. The extra lead should not worry him, but can the dun be relied upon to provide a carbon copy of his Macao run?

Double Chance, a sub-griffin of 1935 class, has had a good measure of successes, but the constant letting down does not appeal to punters.

Fei Ying and Gold Coin should fill the minor positions.

spurs will come into force to-morrow. The "spotting box" will be used for the first time.

Vaucluse Handicap

Anything May Happen In Fast Field Of 26

SHORTAGE OF JOCKEYS

THE BEST EVENT of the afternoon will be the Vaucluse Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies, and the sprint over six furlongs has attracted no less than 26 entries. I doubt if there are enough jockeys to go round, and it appears to me that a few owners will be left in the lurch.

There are several speedy inter-champs in this short distance event and anything may happen. With the rails removed forward, the grass track has been narrowed, by at least eight feet, and a lot, therefore, depends upon the position of the draw.

On the book, Crutched appeals to me and, furthermore, the bay mare is a fine fettle. She was given a "start up" over six furlongs last Wednesday, and the mare certainly pleased the stable John Peel.

EXCELLENT RUN

THE trip was covered in 1.25 1/2 romping home in 27 1/2 seconds for the last two furlongs and the lady seemed to love the hunt.

Thus, of course, does not mean to convey that she is going to have an easy passage, for it is certain that strong opposition is sure to come from A Great Time, Fair Chance, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Rowan, Sydney Lad and Victory. The last named is to be ridden by Donald Black who does not require any introduction.

Sea Jay is nicely weighted, and she has a good sporting chance as an outsider.

Gosford Handicap

Well-Balanced Weights Among Choice Of Four

THE GOSFORD HANDICAP for "C" class Australian ponies over a mile should be a fine show because there are a few contenders with equal chances. There does not seem to be any loophole in the framing of handicap weights, but it seems that the winner is to be found among those appearing at the top of the ladder. The low weight carriers have not been let in (so to speak) and I sincerely hope that I have not erred in my reckoning.

With Australian Prince out of the road, the four most dangerous are Brown Derby, Income Tax, Piccadilly Jim and Spring Shine. My fancy is Piccadilly Jim.

The present membership is 32. Ten members joined the Club during the year and 14 resigned. J. S. Smith, one of the founders of our Club and for many years Vice-President was elected a life member.

Kowloon Chess Club Annual Meeting

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

The Club's senior championship was won by K. M. A. Barnett, with A. Kurrik and A. Y. Biriukoff tying for second.

The finances are in a healthy position.

ISLAND BAY HANDICAP

First Section

Peter Wei And Resisting Time Hard To Beat

WE SHOULD SEE a good field in the first section of Island Bay Handicap for "C" class China ponies, and the run is a sprint over six furlongs.

I was surprised to see the transfer of a few racers to the second division. However, the post of honour has fallen upon Attacking Time, who has not summered too well, and I hear the mare is going to spend a quiet afternoon in her stall. In her absence, Mr. Li Po-chun's colours will be donned by Resisting Time, and this chestnut, in my estimation, will carry it to victory.

It will be recalled that the stallion pulled up lame after his second outing in the Griffin's Spring Handicap at the annual meet and he never raced again.

Last Saturday Resisting Time ran a mile in 2.09 1/2 minutes, the last quarter in 30 1/2 seconds, and there was nothing wrong with his four legs after the gallop. With that astute rider Peter Wei in the saddle the combination is hard to beat.

I have not seen the good old Musketeer, but I understand that he is alright, and the chestnut is not

Second Section

Second Leg Of The Daily Double

THE TRANSFER of Advancing Time, Boolat Bay, Galveston Bay, National Pride, Rose Flana and Tampa Bay, (all of whom were hitherto in the first division) to the second section of the Island Bay Handicap for "C" class China ponies came as a surprise to the early birds.

Incidentally, the event is the second leg of the daily double and spotting the right 'un is not going to be easy.

I am glad that Soldier of Britain (winner of 1934 Hongkong St. Leg) has been set to carry only 152 lbs., but the old warrior has to keep a sharp look out on a few of this year's recruits, especially Victoria. The latter has found a new home and I have a hunch she will carry Mr. Li Lun-sung's colours to victory.

Rose Flana has a poor field to beat and she should be well up at the finish. "If" Boolat Bay makes up his mind to run there is nothing to touch him, and Rose-Queen is also under the same category.

bad for a minor placing. As placegetters, either Eve of Dancin' or Thirty-Six can fill the gap.

AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Colony Half Mile Record Shattered

Chan Chun-nam Betters Five-Year Old Mark by 32 1/5 secs.

A BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

(By "Tinker")

THE FIRST of the Colony swimming records expected to be broken this year was that of the 880 yards free-style during the heats at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday, when Chan Chun-nam fulfilled expectations and shattered W. Lawrence's five-year old time of 11 mins. 47.4/5 secs. by 32.1/5 secs., setting up a new mark (which will stand for quite some time) of 11 mins. 15.3/5 secs.

Not only this, but the promise that the 440 yards record is also to be broken was made, for in his record-breaking swim, Chan clocked 5 mins. 28 secs. for the quarter-mile, which time is only 1.3/5 seconds outside Lawrence's record of 1935!



Chan Chun-nam, brilliant Lat Trian swimming star who shattered the half-mile record for the Colony at the championship heats at the V.R.C. yesterday.

Ng Nin, of whom much was expected also, was unopposed and returned the time of 12 mins. 19 secs. Mak Wai-ming, from whom opposition was expected, gave up the race at the 500-yard mark.

In the women's heats for the 100 yards free-style, the V.R.C. swimmers were very much to the fore. Miss V. Churn beat Miss Ho Wai-king by two yards, who in turn beat Miss J. Anderson by a foot. In the other heat Miss D. Weir swam a graceful and well-judged race to clock 74 1/2 secs. Miss Churn's time was 73 1/2 secs.

Chan Chun-nam's Times

Chan Chun-nam's Times for every 100 yards during his race were:	
100 yards	67 1/2 secs.
200 yards	2 mins. 21 secs.
300 yards	2 mins. 35 secs.
400 yards	3 mins. 38 1/2 secs.
500 yards	4 mins. 56 1/2 secs.
600 yards	5 mins. 28 secs.
700 yards	6 mins. 15 1/2 secs.
800 yards	7 mins. 24 1/2 secs.
900 yards	8 mins. 14 1/2 secs.
1000 yards	10 mins. 14 1/2 secs.
1100 yards	11 mins. 15 3/5 secs.

Port Phillip H'cap

Big Field But Without Much Quality

WE SHOULD HAVE the second biggest field of the day in the Port Phillip Handicap confined to "D" class Australian ponies, but there is not much quality among the list of 17 entries.

Several juveniles of this season are going to make their debut in the new standard, and judging from their performances it is my firm belief that they will provide the first three placed ponies.

It must, however, be admitted that a few of this year's youngsters do not like the gate business, and that is a big handicap.

A Green Time, Catterick Bridge and Grand Allegiance should be in the semaphore. Venus Bay by Double Court is recommended for a small investment of \$5 each way.

No Opposition

AS was without opposition over the second quarter-mile, for by that time, Charles Huang was about one length behind. In this respect, interest in both heats was centred around the record.

After Mak Wai-ming had dropped out of the heat, Ng Nin certainly took his time, and though it is very obvious that Ng Nin will be able to lower his time considerably, I doubt if he can cut off the whole minute that would be required to offer any challenge to Chan.

Chan's effort is the outstanding swimming feat of many years. Almost entirely by the beautiful action of his arms, and with only the merest semblance of a foot beat he took more than half a minute off the old record, and clocked 2 mins. 35 secs. for the 220 and 5 mins. 28 secs. for the 440 yards. The records for these last named events are 2 mins. 25 secs., and 5 mins. 26 1/2 secs.

Women's Heats

It seems indicated that Miss Churn is to retain her 100 yards

title against the challenge from Miss Ho Wai-king. The race yesterday was as good an indication as any, for not only were they in the same heat but both were going all out. Miss Jacqueline Anderson lost to Miss Ho by about a foot, and but for a bad turn at the end of the first 50 yards, that result might easily have been reversed.

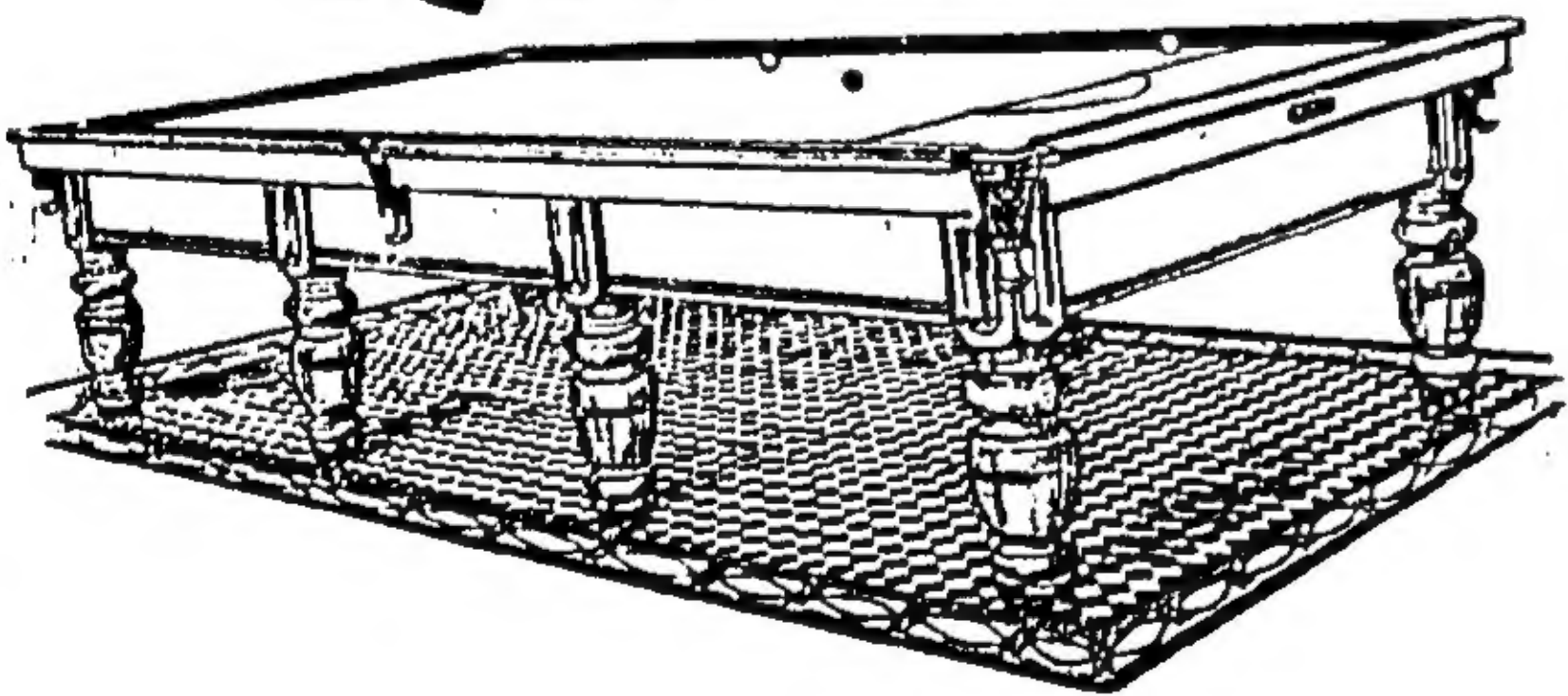
Miss Ho led over the first two lengths, but after the second turn Miss Churn moved into the lead which she increased to some two yards.

Miss Weir swam a fine race, the progress of which was similar to that of Miss Churn's. After the first 50, Miss L. Sadleir was leading by about a yard, but over the third length Miss Weir came along well to win by almost 3 seconds.

V.R.C. REPRESENTATIVE

FOUR V.R.C. men—A. J. Hussain, L. Roza-Perera, L. M. Remedios and C. Silva-Netto—swam a trial TURN to Page 7, Column Five

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Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

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AXIS LAYS OUT A NEW BLUEPRINT OF EUROPE

By REYNOLDS PACKARD
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ROME, Sept. 19 (UP).—The first blueprint of the axis plan for a new order in Europe, based on Italian occupation of Egypt and German occupation of the British Isles within the next several weeks is reliably stated to have been drafted by Mussolini and Ribbentrop.

This first draft is believed to be very wide-reaching. It envisages problems in southeastern Europe such as the Albanian aspirations in Greece and Yugoslavia as well as Spanish claims on Gibraltar.

A meeting between Hitler and Mussolini in the near future is foreseen in many political quarters.

Official quarters declined to give the slightest hint regarding the Mussolini-Ribbentrop conference except to say it was of vast import. Officials also discredited all reports on the possibility of a new axis peace proposal.

One responsible Italian spokesman in this connection told me: "We will be fighting until the last drop of blood if necessary. There is no question of peace offers any more—only the surrender of the enemy."

Redrawing Frontiers

Authoritative circles also agreed that a number of new frontiers on the European map were provisionally traced during the Ribbentrop-Mussolini conference at which Count Ciano, Signor Alfieri, Italian Ambassador to Berlin, and Herr von Mackensen, German Ambassador to Rome were present.

Signor Guyda in an editorial in the Giornale d'Italia to-day indicated that the problem of Greece and perhaps also those of Turkey and Yugoslavia are also being discussed. The Italian press generally, aside from Guyda, indicates the question of the Albanian claims upon Greece have not been dropped. Both Italy and Germany taking a grave view of what is regarded here as "Greece's stubborn persistence in her friendship of England."

At the same time, informed circles agree that Spain also played a prominent part in the conference at the Venice Palace.

Attack on Gibraltar?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—ROME, Sept. 19 (Dome).—When Herr von Ribbentrop and Signor Mussolini at the Palazzo Venezia this afternoon, the following points were discussed:—

(1) Spain be persuaded to permit Axis troops to pass through its territory for an attack overland against Gibraltar. In return for the concession, Spain will take Gibraltar after the Axis victory.

(2) Axis counter-measures against possible British manoeuvres in Greece and Turkey in anticipation of an Italian victory in Egypt.

(3) The American attitude following conclusion of the Anglo-American agreement for the transfer of destroyers and lease of military bases in the Atlantic.

(4) Occupation of the whole of France and the French colonies in North Africa.

Political circles suggest that following the present Axis parleys in Rome, Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini will shortly meet again.

Another Cheque For Bombers

Making the ninth instalment since the inauguration by the South China Morning Post and The Hongkong Telegraph of the Fund to present bombers to the Imperial Government, a cheque for £2,000 was handed to the Hongkong Government this morning for telegraphic transfer to London.

This was made possible by yesterday's generous contribution of £20,000 from the Hongkong & Yau Ma Tei Ferry Company; Ltd. A total of £30,000 has now been remitted to London.

Britain's Increased Resistance Powers

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Reports from American army officers abroad are definitely more optimistic about the British powers of resistance than they were six weeks ago, said Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary for War, at a press conference to-day, according to the Washington correspondent of the Dow-Jones agency.

Mr. Stimson said he had read these reports carefully, and they did not differ radically from the accounts published in newspapers.

London Has Quietest Day Since Sept. 7

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—To-night's air raid alarm, the second of the day in the London area, was sounded as darkness closed in and followed London's quietest day since the air offensive against the capital opened on September 7.

DICTATORS MAY MEET

Rome Discussions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—ROME, Sept. 19 (UP).—Hitler and Mussolini may meet in the near future.

Political circles regard this as more than possible in view of the rapid progress made in the Axis discussions in Rome to-day.

Herr von Ribbentrop arrived by train at 12.55 p.m. to-day and was greeted at the station by Count Ciano, Herr von Mackensen, the German Ambassador, Mr. Elji Anna, the Japanese Ambassador, Baron Federice Villani, the Hungarian Minister and M. Suetoslav Pomenov, the Bulgarian Minister.

The Minister of Propaganda, Signor Alfieri, accompanied Ribbentrop who reviewed an Italian guard of honour and a detachment of German Brown-shirts on the station platform.

Outside the station a crowd of 2,000 welcomed the German envoy.

Ribbentrop With Il Duce
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—According to Rome Radio, Mussolini accompanied Ribbentrop at the Palazzo Venezia this afternoon from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m.

Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, Herr von Mackensen, the German Ambassador in Rome, and Signor Dini Alfieri, the Italian Ambassador in Berlin, were present.

Ribbentrop Heavily Guarded
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, arrived in Rome yesterday morning in an armoured train with pom-pom guns on the roof.

Although Berlin officially says that the talks in Rome will survey the situation, the Berlin Press says that there is more to it than that and makes much play about what it calls the new order in Europe.

Much of the Nazi press speculation looks like counting chicken before being hatched. In some quarters it is thought that Ribbentrop will explain to Mussolini what Germany expects out of the territorial carving up of Africa.

Shock For Italians
An Istanbul message says that the German plans gave the Italian Minister for the Colonies a shock when he visited Berlin. It says that Ribbentrop may also explain why Britain has not already been invaded.

The Berlin newspaper, "Lokalanzeiger," says that the war is not confined to one geographical point but must be pressed wherever possible. That, suggests North Africa.

Meanwhile the German press is preparing the public to the unpleasant likelihood of the war continuing through the winter.

Berlin Feels Pinch
A Berlin report to New York says that the people of Berlin have already got a taste of what this means.

An announcement says that central heating in flats which have it will not be turned on until October 15, a month later than usual.

The food situation, too, does not look too bright.

According to the German Radio, French prisoners of war from the Colonies, who are interned in Germany, have been sent to occupied France because the German climate is too rough for men from warm countries.

They are not likely to be warmer in France but they may be better fed. The real explanation seems to be that the Germans need food. The men otherwise would eat in Germany.

Thunderous weather, with masses of dark cloud facing them over southeast England, kept the enemy formations aground, says "Reuter's" air correspondent.

Goering, unable to continue experimenting for an answer to the costly problem of mass day raiding, sent over only a few single raiders during the day.

Despite great difficulties in the way of successful interception, R.A.F. fighters did relatively very well though their unofficial bag being four bombers.

It is estimated that some two-fifth of the aircraft participated in "blind" bombing in London and other parts of the country last night.

This was rather above the average. There is no official confirmation of reports that four were brought down.

Trying For New Approach
A number of enemy planes engaged in to-night's raid appeared to be trying a new avenue of approach to Central London from the north-west.

They got a warm welcome from guns in the locality.

Later Central London's barrage took up the challenge, bursting into a full column as the raiders drew nearer.

As the raiders continued to arrive over the north-west of London, dozens of searchlights converged to try and locate them.

Suddenly the roar of British fighters was heard. The searchlights were switched off and the German and British machines engaged in a game of hide and seek.

Bombs were dropped early in the raid in one district in the northern outskirts of the city.

London's new famous anti-aircraft barrage defence shows no signs of slackening in intensity.

Chan Chun-nam Shatters Half Mile Record

(Continued from Page 6.)

race over 50 yards to select the fourth man for the 200 yards freestyle relay team. With a four men touch, the final wall as quickly as one could say 1-2-3-4, Roza Pereira took first in 26 1/2 secs.

The results were:

Championships
MEN'S 200 YARDS FREE-STYLE:
Heat 1—Ng Nin, 12 mins. 10 secs.; Lau Tak-ping, 14 mins. 55 1/2 secs.
Heat 2—Chan Chun-nam, 11 mins. 15 1/2 secs. (record); Charles Huang, 12 mins. 15 1/2 secs.; Yau Sai-yan, 12 mins. 50 1/2 secs.

A five therefore, qualified for the final.
WOMEN'S 100 YARDS FREE-STYLE:
Heat 1—D. Weir, 14 1/2 secs.; I. Lopes, 17 secs.; L. Sadick, 17 1/2 secs.; Ip Siu-man, 18 1/2 secs.
Heat 2—V. Churn, 13 1/2 secs.; Ho Wai-ling, 14 1/2 secs.; Z. Anderson, 14 1/2 secs.

V.R.C. COMPETITIONS
Boys 50 yards breast-stroke handicap.
Heat 1—R. Roza-Pereira (7), 45 1/2 secs.; R. Sequeira (7), 49 1/2 secs.; R. Souza (10), 51 secs.
Heat 2—Silva (2), 40 1/2 secs.; J. Gomes (7), 36 1/2 secs.; G. Yvanovich (6), 33 1/2 secs.; C. Gutierrez (8), 41 1/2 secs.; A. Lopes (7), 40 1/2 secs.

Finalists
R. Roza-Pereira, R. Sequeira, H. Silva, J. Gomes, G. Yvanovich.

Another Supporter For Gen. de Gaulle

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—It is officially announced from the general headquarters of the French Free Forces that General de Brigade Don, former commander of the First Zouaves at Casablanca and previously commander of a subdivision at Tetuan, has arrived in England and has immediately placed himself at the disposal of General de Gaulle.

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500 Planes Monthly For Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (UP).—Approximately 500 combat and training planes are now being delivered every month to Britain, according to the "Associated Press" report of the Chamber of Commerce.

The number may be doubled by February or March.

Brighter Business On Stock Exchange

LONDON, Sept. 19 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day, business was brighter in the final stages after a quiet opening.

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Wall Street was steady.

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Football

SING TAO BEAT ROYAL NAVY 5-3

SCORING their second victory this season—in two matches—Sing Tao overcame a Royal Navy team 5-3 at Causeway Bay yesterday after a fine and thrilling game.

Prominent in the Navy line-up was Giff, newcomer who has taken the place of Robinson, and it speaks volumes to say that Giff on quite a number of occasions proved himself an improvement for local football enthusiasts will remember the sterling performance of Robinson last year.

Navy forwards are fortunate in Hawkins, who showed himself a great schemer and individualist. Many of his passes to the wing it is true, were wasted, but even if otherwise it is doubtful if the Navy forwards would have succeeded often in getting through the brilliant Sing Tao half-back line. They-Lau, Ling-choy, Sung Ling-sing and Kwok Ying-kei were a working unit whose methods were delightful to watch.

These three, in fact, were instrumental in effectively controlling Allison, Callows and Hawkins, the Navy inside trio who were ever on the alert for openings, and who, together with Breezy (right wing) and Barber (left wing), have the makings of a very fine attack. Barber was at times too slow, but for almost three quarters of the game the Navy men held their own as the scoring will show.

EVEN EXCHANGES
THE NAVY opened through Breezy in 10 minutes, after the half, Lau, Shun-wing and Fung King-cheng first equalized scores, and then went on to a first half lead of 2-1.

At the half, immediately after the whistle, Sing Tao's attack was in full swing, and they scored twice in the first half. The first goal was scored by Lau, Shun-wing, and the second by Fung King-cheng. The Navy's attack was not so effective, and they were unable to score in the first half. In the second half, the Navy's attack was more effective, and they scored twice. The first goal was scored by Breezy, and the second by Barber. Sing Tao's attack was also more effective, and they scored twice. The first goal was scored by Lau, Shun-wing, and the second by Fung King-cheng.

UNIVERSITY MOVING UNDERGRADUATES MAY HAVE TO QUIT KUNMING

Chungking, Sept. 19.—The South-West Joint University, comprising Tsinghua and Peking Universities, at present is located at Kunming. Famous Chinese writers about the students who have thousands of miles from North China to the mountains of Yunnan to join the new campus may have to be updated only this time the student may have to quit a long trek along the high mountain trails of Szechwan to go to the new campus at Chungking. South China Sea for the first time, the new campus is located in Chungking.

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Nazi Air Raids On London Continuing

Special to the "Telegraph"

AIR RAIDS on London are continuing. Nazi attacks last night caused damage to the Peter Robinson departmental store in Oxford Street, to a popular cinema house and restaurant in the West End, to the Inner Temple Library, Public Record Office and to the courtyard of the British Museum.

"Domel" reports that the Japanese Embassy has been damaged by bombs. As a result the Ambassador has established a temporary Embassy at the Royal Mount Hotel. The German High Command claims that German aircraft have bombed the docks at Tilbury, Chatham Naval Yard, the Victoria and Albert docks, in addition to other points at Liverpool and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

While R. A. F. Hit Back

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GERMANY'S invasion embarkation points were again harassed by the Royal Air Force yesterday, along with British planes delivering sustained attacks against many ports.

Considerable damage was done to the German barges and other shipping, as well as to the docks and harbour works at Antwerp, Zeebrugge, Dunkirk, Ostend, Calais, Boulogne, Dieppe and Le Havre. Other forces of bombers attacked distribution centres at Ostend, Bruges, Namur, Maastricht and Brussels.

A German convoy was attacked off Borkum, a direct hit being registered on a Nazi destroyer. Seven British planes failed to return to base. Losses: 4 destroyed, 10 damaged.

New German Bombs

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Domel). It has been officially announced that according to reports so far received, 90 persons were killed and 350 injured during the Nazi air raid on London during the Western day night. During the raid the Japanese Embassy was badly damaged, and the British Museum and the Public Record Office were also damaged.

Attack in Rainstorm

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 19 (Domel). Despite a rainstorm, the German bombers attacked London last night. The attack was the heaviest since the beginning of the war. The British fighters met the bombers and a fierce battle was fought. The British fighters were successful in shooting down several German bombers. The British fighters were also successful in shooting down several German fighters.

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